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**2020 Bond Bill Introduced**

On December 3, 2018, the Legislature met in Sacramento for an organizational floor session to swear in new members elected on November 6. At that time, Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell introduced AB 48, the new 2020 bond bill.

AB 48 is a placeholder that will serve as the vehicle for policy discussions in 2019. AB 48 indicates that the bond will fund K-12 as well as community colleges, and it does not yet identify a dollar amount or which specific programs will be funded. CASH will continue to work with the Legislature and a broad range of stakeholders to craft the details over the coming months. We plan to move the bond bill through the Legislature rather than use the initiative process to collect signatures to place a bond on the ballot.

**School Facility Program and Proposition 51 Implementation Updates**

*CASH Lawsuits on Projects Funded at 2012 Grant Amounts*

In November 2018, CASH sued various state entities regarding the State Allocation Board's 2017 action to provide apportionments to projects on the True Unfunded List using 2012 pupil grant amounts. A number of districts filed appeals with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) on this issue, and the State Allocation Board indicated they would not hear the appeals.

CASH joined with affected districts to file two lawsuits on the following issues:

- The State Allocation Board's refusal to hear appeals as an arbitrary and capricious violation of the Board's own rules and regulations. This suit was filed against the Department of Finance, the State Allocation Board, and the Office of Public School Construction.
- The violation of Proposition 51 and statutory requirements regarding school facility state matching funding and apportionment calculations. This suit was filed against Governor Brown, the Department of Finance, and the State Allocation Board.

Both suits are pending in the legal process. The first suit, regarding the Board's refusal to hear district appeals, has its first court date scheduled for February 21, 2019 in Orange County. CASH requested a sooner date for this hearing, because further delay will continue to diminish purchasing power as construction costs escalate. The second suit is pending and does not yet have a court date scheduled.

*State Allocation Board Hears Appeals on New Construction Eligibility Justification*

At its meeting on December 11, 2018, the State Allocation Board heard two appeals related to the requirement to update new construction eligibility for the year in which OPSC processes the application. In both cases, the Board approved options that required the districts to update eligibility for the current 2018-19 enrollment period, rather than use enrollment from the year in which the application was submitted.

**New Administration and State Budget**

On January 7<sup>th</sup>, Gavin Newsom will be sworn-in as the 40<sup>th</sup> Governor of the State of California. Appointments to key state agencies should begin soon after. The incoming Governor can choose to maintain or replace the leadership of the Department of Finance, the Office of Public School Construction and the Division of the State Architect, among many others.



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The Governor's proposed budget for fiscal year 2019-20 must be released by January 10<sup>th</sup>. Although the bulk of the development of this budget was completed under the Brown administration, the proposed budget typically contains indications of the new Governor's priorities. We anticipate details on Newsom's \$2 billion childcare and early education proposal which will include facilities funding for LEAs to expand full-day kindergarten.

**Assembly Leadership and Committee Assignments**

Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon has announced his Leadership Team for the 2019-20 legislative session. Newly-elected Asm. Rebecca Bauer-Kahan (D-San Ramon) replaces Asm. Laura Friedman (D-Burbank) as Assistant Speaker pro-Tempore. Newly-elected Asm. Tasha Boerner Horvath (D-Oceanside) replaces Asm. Eloise Gomez-Reyes (D-San Bernardino) as Assistant Majority Whip. Asm. Jesse Gabriel (D-Van Nuys) was installed in a newly-created second Assistant Majority Whip position, while Asm. Al Muratsuchi (D-Torrance) was appointed to the new position of Assistant Majority Leader for Policy and Research.

Changes to committee assignments reflect the growth of the Democratic caucus and the reduction of the Republican caucus. The Speaker increased the size of 16 standing committees to allow for the appointment of additional Democrats, while Republican members will be spread thin with many serving as Vice Chair of multiple committees.

**Federal Wildfire Recovery Grants**

The California Department of Education is pursuing two federal grants to assist schools with wildfire and natural disaster recovery: the Immediate Aid to Restart School Operations ("Restart") program and the Emergency Impact Aid program. Restart assists schools and districts in opening temporary or permanent facilities after a disaster, getting *students still in their homes* on track to attending their schools, going to class, and, for those enrolled in the school lunch or breakfast program, receiving school-based meals each day.

The Emergency Impact Aid program assists those *school districts elsewhere* in the State or country who will be absorbing those displaced students. These students often arrive with little warning and past the date when enrollment is calculated – and funding allocated – so immediate funding is needed to help districts serve them. Californians for School Facilities (CSF) is advocating for Congressional re-allocation of funding for the Restart grant, and in support of California's applications to both programs.

**40<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on School Facilities – Networking Opportunities**

The Conference provides plenty of options to connect with your peers in the school facilities industry.

Take a look at the highlights below and register online at the CASH website.

Monday, February 25, 2019 Highlights

- **Workshops.** More than 35 workshops in the areas of school construction, fiscal management, architecture, maintenance and much more! There is something for everyone.
- **Trade Show/Next Gen Experience.** Don't miss the Welcome Reception and your chance for a first look at the exhibits and NextGen Experience.



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Tuesday, February 26, 2019 Highlights

- **Clinics.** In-depth and hands-on. Gain knowledge you can put to immediate use in your district or business.
- **General Session Luncheon.** Featuring keynote speaker Jaime Casap, Education Evangelist, Google.
- **Networking Dinner.** Continue making connections in a casual setting with food stations and a no-host bar.

Wednesday, February 27, 2019 Highlights

- **Roundtables.** Access to industry experts during small group discussions – the perfect environment to exchange ideas and best practices.
- **Closing General Session Luncheon.** See your peers receive recognition during the awards presentations and listen to graduates from the CSFLA and CMMCP speak about their experience in CASH's year-long professional development certificate programs.

For additional event information, including session details and schedule, please visit the CASH website.

**Upcoming Networking Mixers**

Join your fellow school facility professionals at a CASH Networking Mixer! These mixers are open to all school facilities professionals, no RSVP required.

**BJ's Restaurant and Brewhouse, Menifee**

Thursday, January 17, 2019

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

30208 Haun Road

Menifee, CA 92584

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Questions about the CASH Networking Mixers? Please contact Mike Vail at (949) 498-8993 or [mgvailsanclamente@sbcglobal.net](mailto:mgvailsanclamente@sbcglobal.net).

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