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Legislative and Budget Update

The Legislature remains in Recess until it reconvenes for a brief organizational session on December 3, 2018. They will swear in newly-elected members and recess again until January 2019.

Proposition 51 Bond Sales

CASH legislative advocates are beginning to meet with legislative staff regarding the need to use the State Budget to expedite the sale of Proposition 51 bonds in FY 2019-20. Last year, we requested \$3.0 billion in bond sales – which corresponded to the workload list at the time. Through our advocacy, the Legislature increased the amount of bonds authorized to be sold to \$1.5 billion, but unfortunately, they reverted to the Governor's proposal of \$640 million during final negotiations.

AB 195 Fix

We will be analyzing the performance of local school facilities bonds in the November 2018 election to inform our efforts to roll back the provisions of AB 195 (Obernolte), which appear to lead to voter confusion and limit the ability of LEAs to fund school facilities. In the next legislative session, we'll build on the large coalition we've built and the substantial amount of education provided to key decision makers on this issue.

2020 School Facilities Bond

Having spent a year working with stakeholders to develop the framework for the next School Facilities Bond, CASH is now partnering with Legislative staff to write the bill that would place a bond on the 2020 ballot. We anticipate that a placeholder bill will be introduced in December 2018, and that specifics will be amended into the bill in January 2019.

State Allocation Board Approves Priority Funding Apportionments

On October 24, 2018, the State Allocation Board approved Priority Funding apportionments worth \$443.3 million for 227 projects at 105 school districts. These projects are subject to Grant Agreement requirements, and the time limit on fund release shall be no more than 90 days from the date of apportionment.

While CASH is pleased that these projects received their apportionments, the pace remains insufficient to meet current needs. The workload list for new construction and modernization projects is almost \$4.5 billion. On September 12, 2018, the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) announced that it had received requests for funding that exceeded available bond authority for new construction in the School Facility Program, and new construction applications are now subject to the Acknowledged List regulations. As of September 30, 2018, OPSC had received new construction applications beyond bond authority worth \$41.6 million.

State Allocation Board Approves Regulations for Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program

On October 24, 2018, the State Allocation Board approved regulations, forms, and a Grant Agreement for the Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program. The regulations will be filed on an emergency basis. The program was created by AB 1808 (2018), allowing school districts that lack the facilities to provide full-day kindergarten to apply for one-time grants to



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construct new school facilities or retrofit existing school facilities for the purpose of providing full-day kindergarten classrooms. AB 1808 provides \$100 million out of the General Fund for the 2018-19 fiscal year. Funds will be immediately available (i.e. not subject to the Priority Funding certification process used for the School Facility Program) and allocated through two funding rounds:

- First Round: January 2, 2019-January 31, 2019 - \$37.5 million
- Second Round: May 1, 2019-May 30, 2019 - \$60.0 million
(*\$2.5 million is reserved for Department of General Services administrative costs.*)

Highlights of the approved program include:

- In order to be eligible for a grant, a district must lack the facilities to adequately and appropriately provide full-day kindergarten instruction for existing kindergarten pupils at the project school site. This occurs if the kindergarten enrollment at the site exceeds the existing kindergarten classroom capacity using the School Facility Program loading standard of 25 K-6 pupils per classroom.
- While traditional School Facility Program eligibility is not required to access the program, an adjustment to the new construction baseline will be made for any new classrooms added by a project.
- Grant funding will be calculated using the most current School Facility Program K-6 per pupil grant amounts.
- The program includes a local match requirement: 50/50 state and local share for new construction, and 60/40 state and local share for retrofit of existing facilities.
- Financial Hardship assistance is available to districts that can't make their local matching share contribution.
- The program provides supplemental grants, including a 35% increase to the base grant for site development and a 15% increase for retrofit projects with permanent buildings 50 years old and older if utility work is in the approved plans.
- If funds are insufficient to fully fund all approved applications, funding order will be determined using preference points for Financial Hardship and the percentage of students eligible for Free and Reduced-Price Meals.

2018 CASH Maintenance Network Workshops

This year's CASH Maintenance Workshops are being held on Wednesday, November 7 at the Los Angeles County Office of Education and on Friday November 9 at the Fresno County Superintendent of Schools. The workshops are scheduled from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (lunch is included!) and will focus on the most important issues currently facing school M&O departments, such as what the State Budget means to your M&O department, Facility Inspection Tool (FIT) inspections, and a discussion of M&O hot topics. Each workshop will also include presentations on lead testing at schools and a comprehensive presentation on school safety. Visit www.cashnet.org to register for one of these workshops.

School Facilities Leadership Academy

Applications are now being accepted for the 2019/20 School Facilities Leadership Academy (SFLA). The SFLA is a rigorous, one-year leadership program designed to advance current and future leaders in the school facilities and maintenance arenas through engaging curriculum, individual and group learning, and leadership development.

The deadline to apply is December 15, 2018. Find more information and the application at www.cashnet.org.



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Mark your calendar for the 40th Annual Conference on School Facilities, February 25-27, 2019, at the Sacramento Convention Center. The Conference Brochure is now available online and includes highlights, education session descriptions, and more! Registration and hotel reservations are now open; for more information, please visit the CASH website.

For the latest updates on important matters affecting school facilities, be sure to check out the CASH website: www.cashnet.org.

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