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California Schools Receive \$225 Million

Funds will build and modernize facilities, stimulate local economies

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – Furthering Gov. Schwarzenegger’s commitment to bolster the state’s infrastructure, the California State Allocation Board (SAB) today awarded \$225 million in construction grants to 310 California schools. [Click here for a complete list of schools](#) receiving funding.

“The governor is committed to making sure our children have the best classroom environments possible to learn and succeed,” said Tom Sheehy, who represents Department of Finance Director Mike Genest as SAB chair. “The board is working hard to make sure his commitment is realized.”

More than \$192 million in grants are from voter-approved Proposition 1D and will fund new construction and modernization projects at 46 schools throughout the state. Proposition 1D also funds projects that allow public school campuses to incorporate more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly features into their designs. Of the \$192 million in Proposition 1D funds, the SAB allocated \$480,000 of the “green schools” funding to two schools – Valley View Elementary in El Dorado County and McElhinney Middle School in Riverside County.

Proposition 1D was part of the \$10 billion voter-approved bond measure Gov. Schwarzenegger championed as part of his Strategic Growth Plan in 2006. Since 2007, more than \$2.8 billion of Proposition 1D funds have been issued to school districts statewide.

In addition, the board awarded \$16 million from Propositions 47 and 55 – which were approved by voters in 2002 – to fund construction projects at two schools. Across the state, 269 other schools will also receive more than \$16 million from the state general fund to make emergency repairs.

In 2006, California voters approved the governor's \$42 billion Strategic Growth Plan to help rehabilitate California's infrastructure. Since then, the governor has facilitated and expedited the allocation of billions of dollars from the 2006 infrastructure bonds to launch key projects, create jobs and stimulate California's economy. Specifically, he has announced:

- [\\$624.6 million](#) in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 in housing bond funding.
- [Approximately \\$136 million](#) in Proposition 1B funds for 99 transit projects statewide.
- [The allocation of \\$2 billion](#) since 2007 in Proposition 1D funds for new construction and modernization projects for schools statewide, including construction and modernization of 29 charter schools.
- [\\$382 million](#) in Proposition 1B funds for transportation projects across the state.
- [The approval of \\$3.5 billion](#) in Proposition 1B bond funds for transportation and goods movement projects across the state.
- [\\$394 million](#) in Proposition 1B bond funding for 106 transit projects statewide.
- [\\$40 million](#) for port security from Proposition 1B funds.
- [\\$73 million for affordable housing projects](#) in Proposition 1C and Proposition 46 funds to help more than 1,600 California families rent or purchase affordable housing.
- [\\$211 million](#) for expedited implementation in Proposition 1E funds to four critical levee improvement projects in Northern California.
- [\\$69.5 million in permanent low-interest loans](#) from the Proposition 1C housing bonds to jump-start 14 affordable multifamily projects up and down the state, helping more than 1,000 California families and individuals realize the dream of an affordable rental home.

In January, the governor called an [emergency meeting of his cabinet](#) and instructed them to recommend ways to work with the legislature and expedite the release of \$29 billion in unallocated funds from the 2006 infrastructure bonds for the construction of roads, schools and levee repairs.

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