APPENDIX
Overview of
Grant Program
for School Facilities Projects
in Regular Operating Districts

School Facilities Grant Program

- $3.9 billion total
- $2.9 billion for SDA Districts
- $1 billion for RODs, including $50 million for vocational schools
Major changes!
No longer "first come, first served" distribution

- Project eligibility requirements
- Prioritization process
- Fixed allocations and submission deadlines
- Funding limit for each allocation

Project Eligibility and Prioritization

To be considered for grant funding, project scope must be

100% eligible for state support

and

included in at least one of three prioritization "levels."
### Project Eligibility and Prioritization

#### Level 1

**Critical operational needs and program mandates**

- Emergent projects
- Essential building system upgrades
- Building skin
- Building code issues
- ADA upgrades
- Hazardous materials abatement
- Security and communications systems
- Site drainage
- Elementary school playgrounds
- Renovated/new early childhood classrooms
- Special population needs

#### Level 2

**Renewal of existing buildings, overcrowding, and improving quality of existing instructional spaces**

- Repair/replacement of existing building systems and components not included in Level 1
- Existing site upgrades, excluding athletic fields and tracks
- Renovation and/or new construction of capacity-generating classrooms to address overcrowding or substandard conditions
- Technology infrastructure upgrades
Project Eligibility and Prioritization

Level 3

Major projects that include renovation and/or new construction

Projects ranked according to:

- District-wide unhoused students and overcrowding
- Early childhood program accommodations
- FES compliance
- Use of temporary or leased facilities
- Building age
- Project scope
- Prior grant funding

Project Eligibility and Prioritization

- Lower priority level applied if project scope spans multiple levels
- Funding of all priority levels in a particular allocation dependent upon demand
- No changes to debt service funding
Two first year allocations scheduled

- Coordinate with April 2009 and September 2009 referenda
- Open to all project types
- $200 million maximum for first allocation
- Subsequent allocations to be planned around September referenda with at least one allocation per year

ALLOCATION 1
For April 2009 (or later) referendum and non-referendum projects
November 20, 2008 Application Deadline

ALLOCATION 2
For all referendum dates prior to September 2010 and summer 2009 projects
January 31, 2008 Application Deadline

Districts must adhere to application deadline. Submission must be complete.
District Notification

- No change to district submission requirements.

- Districts immediately notified if project scope does not qualify for grant consideration.

- Level 1 project and grant approvals may be released early.

- All Level 2 and Level 3 approvals released at same time to allow prioritization if grant request exceeds allocation.