

BERKELEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

TO: Donald Evans, Ed.D., Superintendent
FROM: Lew Jones, Interim Director of Facilities
DATE: June 27, 2018
SUBJECT: Opportunities to Apply for and Receive Facilities Funds from the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC)

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The District has successfully applied for State Bonds for almost thirty years. The District had to forego its rights to pursue State facilities dollars (except Deferred Maintenance Funds) for a number of year as a condition of its state loan in the mid 1980's. From the very early 1990's to the present day, the District has received \$40,640,976 in funds from the State for facilities (not including Deferred Maintenance Funds or Proposition 39 Funds). More opportunities exist.

Most of the funding the District has received is for modernizing its facilities. As a generally rule, a District's modernization eligibility is determined by its number of students and the age of its facilities or the date of its most recent approved State apportionments. Generally speaking, if the District utilized its State apportionment for modernization, it gives up eligibility for modernization for the next 25 years. That approach has not always been the way eligibility is determined and it may not be determined that way in the future.

In the recent past, we have been actively exploring possible applications for apportionments for 8 schools, with the potential of approximately \$14.8 million. We just recently added one school (Emerson) to our list (almost \$1.5 million) and are actively exploring three other projects (West Campus Realm project, CTE projects and BAM, which may have its eligibility re-set either now or very soon). We also have done some preliminary exploration of two seismic projects, both at the High School (the Old Gym and the Community Theater). The cost to pursue seismic funding is significant, but the rewards can be significant as well. There may be wisdom in doing at least a preliminary seismic report for the two projects, and if there appears to be eligibility, to request a price from the structural engineer(s) to take the analysis to the next level.

In the future, we could apply for more apportionments. Probably 75% of the District apportionments were in the 1990's and early 2000's, and if the State continues to fund modernizations in the same manner as it currently does and the voters approve additional bonds, the District will continually become eligible for future modernization apportionments in the 2018-2028 period.

RECOMMENDATION

Accept the report. Consider approval of seismic applications in the future.

FISCAL IMPACT

Cost of award by this action: No cost to accept the report.