



UPCOMING EVENTS

**CASH Coffee/
Networking Mixer**

June 15, 2023
8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Voyager Craft Coffee
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**CSFRI Symposium V:
Impacts of School Design
on Student Engagement and
Learning**

June 15, 2023
Via Zoom

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July 20, 2023
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
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UPDATE

State Assembly Approves School Facilities Bond Bill

On May 25, the State Assembly approved AB 247 (Muratsuchi) the CASH-supported bill which would create the *Transitional Kindergarten Through Community College Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2024* as a state general obligation bond act that would provide \$14 billion to construct and modernize preschool through community college education facilities. The final vote was 66 votes in support, none opposed, and 14 not voting. The bill now moves on to the Senate where it is expected to be referred to the Senate Committee on Education and the Senate Committee on Governance and Finance.

Preschool, TK and FDK Facilities Grant Program Budget Update

The Governor's budget proposes to delay \$550 million (General Fund) from FY 2023-24 to FY 2024-25 for the Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten (TK), and Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Facilities Grant Program (PTKFDKFGP). CASH opposes this delay and believes the program is important to successful implementation of universal TK. Despite robust debate in budget subcommittees in the Senate and Assembly, both houses of the Legislature adopted the Governor's recommended delay in their respective versions of the budget in preparation for final budget negotiations.

The current application filing round of the PTKFDKFGP closed March 2, 2023, with approximately \$360 million available for apportionment. The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) received a total of 446 applications from 208 applicants requesting \$1.48 billion, demonstrating significant demand for this important program.

SB 532 (Wiener) – Local Bond Ballot Labels

CASH is co-sponsoring SB 532 (Wiener) related to local bond ballot labels. This bill is aimed at addressing the negative effects created by AB 195 (Obermolte), which requires local bonds and other tax measures to state on the 75-word ballot label the rate, duration, and amount anticipated to be raised annually. This information is challenging to provide for bonds and creates voter confusion, making it more difficult for schools to pass local bonds or place them on the ballot. SB 532 was significantly amended in the Senate Elections and Constitutional Amendments Committee and now exempts these fiscal disclosures from the 75-word cap on the ballot label, providing more space to explain how revenues will be used in the community and counterbalancing the confusing fiscal information. SB 532 is awaiting passage by the full Senate at the time of this writing.

AB 249 (Holden) – School Water Quality and Testing

AB 249 (Holden) follows the AB 746 (Gonzalez Fletcher) policy of local water agencies testing school potable water, but reduces the trigger from 15 parts per billion to five parts per billion and testing at all potable water outlets (versus a sample under AB 746). To address the significant cost impact, the author took an amendment in the Senate Appropriations Committee that limits the bill to Title 1 schools versus all schools. CASH and other school organizations are working with the author on funding



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SB 499 (Menjivar) – School Extreme Heat Action Plan

SB 499 (Menjivar) would require all schools to develop an extreme heat action plan and replace outdoor surfaces such as cement, asphalt, brick, pebbles, sand, aggregate, rubber and synthetic turf with cool pavement technologies, grass, shrubs, trees, wood chips, or other natural systems. While supportive of the broad goal of including natural features in school design and mitigating extreme heat, CASH and other school organizations oppose the bill in its current form because it overlaps with existing state requirements and does not include funding. This bill was approved by the Assembly Appropriations Committee and now moves to the Senate.

CASH Legislative Advisory Committee – Accepting Nominations for Terms Starting September 1, 2023

The CASH Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations to fill four (4) public sector seats and four (4) private sector seats on the Legislative Advisory Committee (LAC). All LAC appointments are for two (2) two-year terms. Terms are September 1 through August 31. Each member may serve a maximum of two (2) two-year terms, for a total of four (4) years of service.

Letters of nomination should include the following:

- Name, title, address, email, phone number and **photo of the nominee (in jpeg format)**;
- Experience and background in school facility planning and/or management;
- Current involvement in CASH; and
- Reasons this individual is a good candidate and would make a good committee member.

Please email letters of nomination to Greg Golik, ggolik@m-w-h.com, or mail to the CASH office:

CASH Nominating Committee
Attention: Greg Golik, Operations Director
1303 J Street, Suite 520
Sacramento, CA 95814

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Greg Golik at (916) 448-8577.

Submission Deadline: Friday, June 30, 2023

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