



OCTOBER 2025

UPCOMING EVENTS

CASH Networking Mixer

October 2, 2025

4:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

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UPDATE

Legislature Adjourns

The Legislature extended the first year of the two-year session and adjourned on Saturday, September 13 for the Interim Study Recess. Unless the Governor calls a special session, they will return on January 5, 2026. The intensity grew as high-stakes compromises were announced in the final days, including a package of bills on energy policy.

National politics influenced the work of the Legislature throughout the year. One result of this is the passage of ACA 8, a constitutional amendment to allow for mid-decade redistricting. The measure will appear on the November 2025 ballot as Proposition 50.

Between the two houses, Legislators introduced almost 2,400 bills this session. Of those, about one-third passed the Legislature and are on Governor Newsom's Desk. The Governor has thirty days—until Monday, October 13 at midnight—to sign or veto each bill.

One measure awaiting action is the CASH-sponsored AB 503 (González) which would restore the authorization for school districts to collect fees from outside users for the repair, refurbishment and restoration of their facilities. If signed, the bill would become law immediately. Letters of support are highly encouraged! See CASH Weekly emails for instructions.

Proposition 2 Implementation: Small School District Program and TK Enrollment Projection

The Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) continues to conduct stakeholder meetings to implement Proposition 2. At the sixteenth meeting on September 18, 2025, OPSC reviewed proposals on the following implementation topics. These proposals are all still under development and have not yet been finalized or approved.

Small School District Program – This program will provide \$400 million for Modernization and \$330 million for New Construction projects, with a preliminary apportionment structure to reserve bond authority for projects at small school districts with enrollment of fewer than 2,501 pupils. OPSC reported that they have removed a proposal to establish three priority application windows for a Preliminary Apportionment, with first priority to applicants who have not previously received a grant within a certain amount of time. CASH opposed this proposal and appreciates OPSC's responsiveness to our concerns.

OPSC proposed to accept applications beginning November 2, 2026, processing in order of the date they are received. OPSC also proposed that applicants must update their New Construction eligibility using the current enrollment year that corresponds to the date of application submittal. This appears to prohibit the use of a pre-existing three-year or five-year eligibility lock that pre-dates the year of the application, which is an issue of concern for CASH.

Transitional Kindergarten Pupils in School Facility Program Enrollment Projections – OPSC presented a topic that did not originate in Proposition 2: a proposal to report Transitional Kindergarten (TK) pupils as their own grade category in the enrollment projection. OPSC proposed using actual TK enrollment and applying the “current Kindergarten linear weighted average calculation” separately for TK and Kindergarten, using the current cohort survival



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projection methodology. This would be done using a phased approach to implement the new methodology:

- **Optional Use of New Methodology:** Approved Applications for New Construction received on/after the effective date of the revised Form SAB 50-01 through October 31, 2026 would have the option to use either the current methodology or the new methodology. The “effective date” occurs after approval by the State Allocation Board and review by the Office of Administrative Law.
- **Required Use of New Methodology:** Approved Applications for New Construction received on/after November 1, 2026 will be required to use the new methodology.

Supporting Priority School Districts Program – The California Department of Education (CDE) presented the proposed regulations and framework for the expanded Supporting America’s School Infrastructure (SASI) grant program, now called the Supporting Priority School Districts (SPSD) Program. The program will provide direct technical assistance to “priority school districts.” CDE proposed that districts will apply by submitting a letter with basic information signed by the district superintendent or their designee. The application period would be not less than 60 days, and CDE would provide details at least 30 days before the application period opens.

If applications for technical assistance exceed available capacity, CDE proposed using a weighted point system to select recipients, using the priority school eligibility criteria from AB 247 and a sliding scale of possible points:

- Enrollment of fewer than 2,501 pupils – up to four points
- Low gross bonding capacity per enrollment – up to eight points
- High percentage of unduplicated pupils – up to four points
- District has not previously submitted an application for funding to the School Facility Program – eight points

OPSC to Update the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT)

OPSC will convene a stakeholder process to provide public comment as they consider changes to the Facility Inspection Tool (FIT). The first meeting will be held on Thursday, October 30, and it is anticipated more meetings will occur through February 2026.

In November of 2024, the State Auditor released the *State Auditor’s Report on Custodial Staffing and Cleanliness Standards* (<https://www.auditor.ca.gov/reports/2023-122/>), which is focused on the effectiveness of *Williams* Inspections, County Office of Education oversight, and hazardous materials storage and management. The Auditor’s Report includes recommendations to update the FIT which has prompted this review. In addition, the report makes a powerful argument for adequate State funding to support school maintenance, and recommends that the Legislature consider addressing this need.

The FIT was part of the original *Williams* Settlement which was focused on emergency health and safety repairs (Emergency Repair Program), which the Legislature provided \$800 million to address. It has become a key component of achieving school facilities that are in “Good Repair” under the Local Control and Accountability Plan, and an essential resource for school maintenance departments across California.



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CASH will work with OPSC and stakeholders to improve the FIT and ensure it continues to be a useful maintenance and planning resource going forward.

School Organizations Express Concern About CalOSHA's Proposed Gate Safety Regulations

As CASH previously reported, following up on similar legislation last year (that was ultimately not successful), CalOSHA has proposed new standards for large gate maintenance and management, which include schools and many other municipalities and private entities. CASH is part of a coalition of school organizations that have submitted a joint public comment letter that summarize the impact that these regulations would have on K-12 schools.

Specifically, the letter requests that the regulations clarify that they are not meant to override the Division of State Architect and Building Code processes, and highlights the significant operational and fiscal pressure the regulations put on schools without regard for staffing or budgetary constraints, including real world cost impact data. More information to follow.

Call for Nominations – CASH Board of Directors

The CASH Nominating Committee is now accepting nominations to fill one (1) private sector position on the Board of Directors (Board).

All Board terms are two (2) years. Public sector members have an eight (8) year term limit and private sector members have a six (6) year term limit. Terms will begin at the 47th Annual Conference on School Facilities, February 25-27, 2026 in Sacramento, California.

Nominees must be active members of CASH, with leadership experience in the K-12 school facilities industry. Self-nominations are encouraged. For more information on how to submit your nomination, please visit <https://cashnet.org/news/711147/Call-for-Nominations---Board-of-Directors.htm>.

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, October 3, 2025

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