



STATE OF ARIZONA  
SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD

Governor of Arizona  
Janice K. Brewer

Executive Director  
John Arnold

February 2, 2009

School District Superintendents

**RE: FY 2009 Budget Correction**

Dear Superintendent,

The FY 2009 budget correction reduced the FY 2009 appropriation for Building Renewal Grant Fund from \$20 million to \$7 million. To date, the SFB has awarded \$6.7 million in grants leaving a balance of \$300,000. SFB staff intends to retain these remaining funds for contingency on the grants already approved. If funds are available after the completion of the approved projects, staff will recommend funding additional projects.

Since there is the possibility of additional awards, SFB staff will continue to accept applications for Building Renewal Grant funds. At the completion of the projects currently approved, the SFB will disburse the remaining funds based on the priorities outlined in A.R.S. §15-2032 B. These priorities include a history of preventative maintenance and the availability of matching funds.

Emergency Funds

The SFB is also accepting applications for emergency deficiency correction funds. This fund may be used to correct a facility condition that exceeds the district's adopted budget and seriously threatens the functioning of the school district, the preservation of property or public health, welfare, or safety.

The emergency fund balance is currently \$929,000. Once the Board awards all of the available funds, the SFB will continue to accept applications and may still declare a situation an emergency. At that time, the affected school district may solicit a property tax increase sufficient to correct the situation through A.R.S. 15-907.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or your district liaison.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Arnold", enclosed in a large, loopy oval.

John Arnold