



# SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD

## FY 2013-2014

### Program Update

March 7, 2014

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- ✓ Available Building Renewal Grant Funding
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- ✓ A.R.S. §15-2041 Update

The School Facilities Board launches the first in a series of program updates on New School Facilities, Building Renewal Grants, Emergency Deficiencies Correction and Preventative Maintenance. Each new issue will supersede the previous issue. Please direct questions to [kcampbell@azsfb.gov](mailto:kcampbell@azsfb.gov).

#### NEW SCHOOL FACILITIES

The FY 2014 Capital Plan Cycle has closed. This year the Board awarded conceptual approval for 21 new schools projected to open in FY's 2016 thru 2022.

In FY 2013, Thatcher Unified was awarded 9,270 square feet of K-6 space for 116 students. The district plans to add this space to the existing Thatcher Elementary School and is currently working with their design professionals on the plans and specifications to formulate a GMP (guaranteed maximum price). Groundbreaking is anticipated in July 2014.

Last year the legislature made changes to A.R.S. §15-2041, New School Facilities Fund. School districts may qualify for an award of new space and new school facilities funding:

D.3. If ADM projections indicate that additional space would have been needed during the current school year in order to meet the building adequacy standards. (The SFB is no longer authorized to award new space based on the 2 or 3 year construction window)

D.7. If the SFB approves enrollment projections before March 1 of the prior fiscal year. (Capital Plans due September 1 must be reviewed and awards made by the Board prior to March 1 to qualify for new school facilities funding)

P. Accommodation School Districts are not eligible for new school facilities funding.

A.R.S. §15-341 (G) requires that school district governing boards receive approval from the SFB **before** taking any action that would reduce pupil square footage (i.e. reconfiguration of grades or disposition of buildings).

On March 5, 2014, the Board approved reduction of square footage for Willcox Unified, removing Building 1010 at Willcox Elementary School from the SFB Building Inventory.

#### BUILDING RENEWAL GRANTS and EMERGENCY DEFICIENCIES CORRECTION

##### BUILDING RENEWAL GRANT FUND

FY 2014 appropriation: \$16,667,900  
Current fund balance: \$6,759,048  
Applications pending: 60  
Estimate of pending applications: \$6,452,513  
  
FY 2015 budget proposal: \$16,667,900

##### EMERGENCY DEFICIENCIES CORRECTION FUND

Current funding balance: \$554,652  
  
"emergency" means a serious need for materials, services or construction or expenses in excess of the district's adopted budget for the current fiscal year that seriously threatens the functioning of the school district, the preservation or protection of property or public health, welfare or safety.

#### PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE, and more...

The SFB continues to perform 5-Year Assessments and Preventative Maintenance Inspections. The following districts are currently being assessed:

Balsz Elementary  
Blue Ridge Unified  
Scottsdale Unified  
Tolleson Elementary  
Tolleson Union  
Tucson Unified

The SFB currently has two policies under review.

- [I. Board Governance Procedures](#)
- [IX. Building Renewal Grant Fund](#)

Click the links above to view tracking of the proposed changes. Please email your comments to [kcampbell@azsfb.gov](mailto:kcampbell@azsfb.gov) no later than March 21, 2014.

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