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FEBRUARY 2020 SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD MEETING RECAP

PHOENIX, AZ – At yesterday's meeting, the School Facilities Board (SFB) awarded more than \$10 million in building renewal grant (BRG) to 54 Arizona K-12 School Districts covering 120 separate projects to correct facilities deficiencies. The highlight of this month's agenda was over \$4.5 million in BRG funding approved for rural school projects alone.

Chairman Sean McCarthy introduced Interim Director Andy Tobin, who was appointed three weeks ago. In his short time with SFB, he has already met with a number of education associations as well as two rural school districts.

The board directed Interim Director Tobin to close out all legacy projects by June 30, 2020, to engage legislative members and critical stakeholders as well as suggest building renewal grant programmatic changes, including prioritizing projects and ensuring adequate finances are available to meet school's needs.

The School Facilities Board is committed to transparency and is taking new steps to make this meeting available via conference call to those in rural Arizona or who aren't able to join the meeting in person. All board meetings moving forward will include a call-in number for the public to join.

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About the Arizona School Facilities Board

Created in 1998, the Arizona School Facilities Board (AZSFB) is a cabinet-level, state-government agency managing nearly \$300 Million in state funding appropriated for K-12 school district facilities. The 10-member board meets monthly to grant funding for new school construction and to correct deficiencies at existing school facilities. AZSFB staff is a partner and advocate for school districts in facilitating successful grant requests.