

Five-Year  
Strategic Plan

# SCHOOL FACILITIES BOARD

FY 2008 — FY 2012

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### New School Construction

Issue 1

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Given that growth will remain steady and continue to drive the demand for new school construction, the cost to the state's General Fund budget will continue to grow, which will challenge appropriators depending on how the state General Fund revenues grow and what percentage new school construction becomes of the state General Fund. Laws 2006, Chapter 353 eliminated the School Facilities Board ability to enter into lease-to-own transactions, as it was the Legislature's desire to permanently fund new school construction on a pay-as-you-go basis.

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The building renewal program has a complicated history that began in 1999 when several school districts sued the State (Roosevelt Case) asserting that the Students FIRST Act as implemented did not meet the requirements of the State Constitution because the State failed to fully fund the Building Renewal formula for fiscal years 1999, 2000, and 2002. On October 13, 2001, an Arizona Superior Court granted the State's Cross Motion for Summary Judgment and ruled that the appropriation of a specific sum by the State Legislature for fiscal year 1999 demonstrates that there was no expectation that the statutory formula for the building renewal fund was intended to be used for FY 1999.

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Laws 2006, Chapter 353 established a Group B kindergarten weight at .835 in FY 2007 and 1.352 in FY 2008 and beyond, which was intended to provide sufficient General Fund funding toward completing the phase-in of voluntary full-day kindergarten at all Arizona schools over the next two years. However, section 4 of the bill eliminated the requirement that the legislature develop a plan, including capital monies, to provide statewide full-day kindergarten instruction by fiscal year 2009-2010. It requires that if a school district or charter school chooses to offer voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction, any necessary capital monies needed to implement voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction shall be provided by the school district or charter school.

The Arizona Constitution requires that the State provide appropriate facilities to meet the academic goals of the State. The law now provides the operating funds for districts to implement full-day kindergarten. However, the law does not allow the School Facilities Board to provide the facilities to accommodate full-day kindergarten. Instead, districts are left to their own resources to provide full-day kindergarten capital. Under the current scenario, those districts with excess space or local funds will be able to implement full day kindergarten while those without those resources will not.

As a part of the FY 2008 budget, the SFB requested that the new construction formula be changed to allow the SFB to recognize kindergarten students as a full ADM rather than half ADM under the current law. If changed, the SFB staff estimates this would require the Board to approve \$157.4 million in new space in FY 2008. This space would be built and financed over multiple years. The first fiscal impact would be in FY 2008 estimated at \$7.9 million.

There are not any specific goals, strategies, or measures for Full-Day Kindergarten as any project would be tracked within the context of the New Construction program but the issue is important and worth specific reference.

## FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN

### **Mission**

To provide financial and technical assistance to help ensure that school districts maintain buildings and equipment at minimum adequacy standards so that students can achieve academic success.

### **Description**

The School Facilities Board was created by Laws 1998, 5th Special Session, Chapter 1 through legislation commonly known as Students FIRST (Fair and Immediate Resources for Students Today). The School Facilities Board consists of nine Gubernatorial appointed voting members and the Superintendent of Public Instruction who serves as a non-voting member. The Board is charged with administration of three capital programs: a) New School Facilities, b) Building Renewal, and c) Emergency Deficiencies Corrections.

In order to effectively evaluate the State's school capital needs, the Board maintains a facilities database consisting of information reported by each school district that aids the Board in determining the funding level for building renewal and the construction of new facilities. Through periodic inspections, the Board is mandated to ensure compliance with building adequacy standards and routine preventative maintenance guidelines with respect to the new construction of buildings and maintenance of existing buildings. The Board also administers an Emergency Deficiencies program in the event that a school district has a serious need for materials, services, construction, or expenses in excess of the district's adopted budget that seriously threatens the functioning of the school district, the preservation or protection of property or public health, safety, and welfare.

### **New School Construction**

Issue 1

#### *Funding*

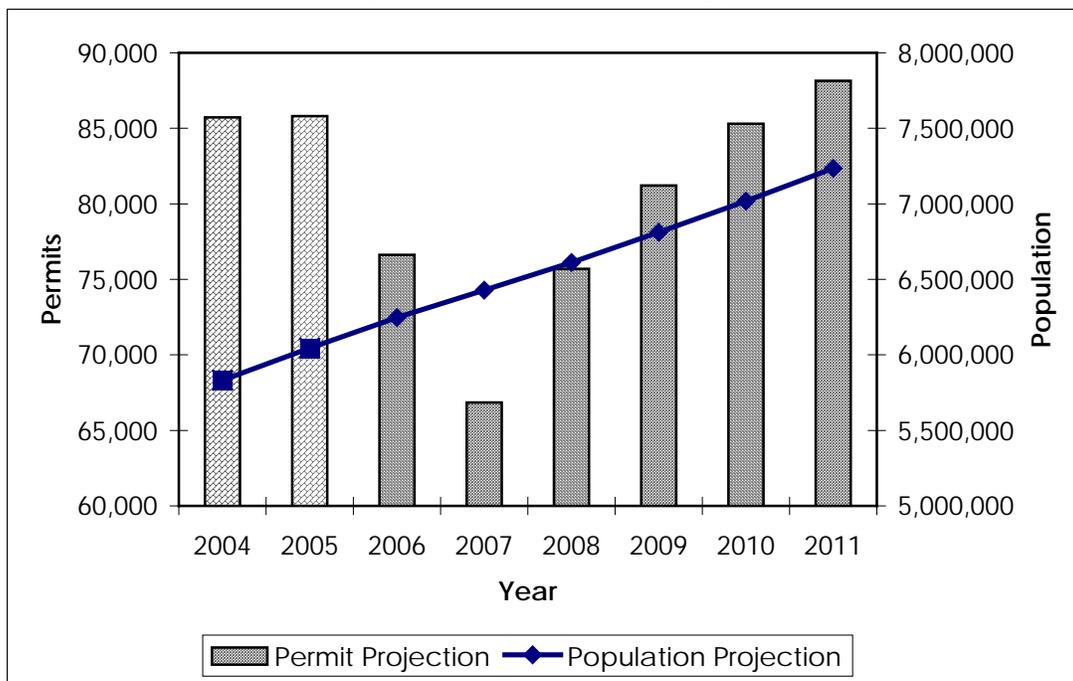
Students FIRST originally intended for the New School Construction program to have a permanent source of funding through the State Treasurer, whose office was required to transfer to the New School Facilities Fund, without the need for a specific legislative appropriation, state General Fund revenues in an amount instructed by the School Facilities Board. From the program's inception until 2003, the New Construction program was funded on a cash basis from transaction privilege tax transfers. Beginning in FY 2003 and continuing through FY 2005, the Legislature replaced the School Facilities Board's authority to request transaction privilege tax transfers directly from the State Treasurer with the authority to enter into lease-to-own transactions and provided appropriations to pay for the new school facilities debt service. Laws 2005, Ch. 287, section 5 repealed the School Facilities Board's authority to instruct the Treasurer and the Legislature instead directed the Treasurer to transfer a specific sum in the amount of \$250 million for FY 2006 along with an advance appropriation of \$50 million for FY 2007. Laws 2006, Chapter 344 appropriated \$200 million from the General Fund to the New School Facilities Fund, of which \$4.0 million was for Full-day Kindergarten. Finally, Laws 2006, Chapter 353 eliminated the School Facilities Board ability to enter into lease-to-own transactions, as it was the Legislature's desire to permanently fund new school construction on a pay-as-you-go basis.

*Outlook*

The School Facilities Board five-year outlook for new construction shows a continued need for new schools.

The chart below shows population and the number of residential housing permits in Arizona by year. For 2004 and 2005, actual numbers are used; for 2006 and later years, the numbers are projected by the University of Arizona in the Summer 2006 issue of *Arizona's Economy*. The decline in residential construction that started in the fall of 2005 is projected to continue into 2007. The trend is projected to reverse in 2008, with growth accelerating in 2009. Population is projected to grow at a steady 3.0% pace over this period. (Note: When reading the chart, please note that the Y-Axes do not start at zero. The changes may appear larger than they really are.)

Chart 1:  
Actual and projected new residential permits in Arizona  
(Source: *Arizona's Economy*)



What does all this mean to new school construction in Arizona? Despite the reduction in new housing units, population growth continues at a steady pace and the State's economy remains strong and population growth is expected to stay robust. Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) forecasts a job growth rate of 4.5% over a two-year period (2006 - 2007). The University of Arizona forecasts that Arizona's population will grow at an annual rate of around 3%, adding 202,000 new residents each year for the next five years. If K-12 enrollment as a percentage of population remains at last year's level, which was 16.6% according to *Governing Sourcebook 2006*, more than 33,500 students will be added to the State's public school system each year. For Greater Phoenix, the annual addition of students will be 23,600.

For the last capital planning cycle (FY 2005-2006), both the actual awards for FY 2006 and conceptual approvals for FY 2007 increased dramatically from the previous year. Most of the capital plans that drove those awards were developed over the summer of 2005. That was the

period when the housing market was at its peak in the state. When preparing the FY 2008 budget, SFB staff reviewed the FY 2007 conceptual awards of \$425 million and decreased it by 25% to \$319 million to account for the housing slow down. SFB staff will continue to closely monitor the condition in the housing market and trend of population growth to best plan for new school construction.

*Forecasting challenges*

As delineated in Table 1, which shows awards for the last six years, awards can fluctuate widely. There are several reasons behind these fluctuations. First, the districts control when they seek new schools. Even if a district may qualify for a school, until they submit a capital plan the SFB cannot award one. Second, since the program is based on student projections, inaccuracies in a given year are corrected in subsequent years. If a school is awarded one year early, then that year's awards are artificially high and the next year's are low. If a school is awarded one year late, then the current year total awards are low, and the next year's awards are high.

Fiscal Year	Projects	Square Footage	Dollars
2001	30	2,063,060	226,460,954
2002	37	1,927,102	200,980,391
2003	27	1,851,948	187,768,290
2004	41	2,907,172	319,600,513
2005	28	2,343,446	262,963,855
2006	40	2,827,028	438,743,960

Approved projects reflect an underlying student population growth that breaks down as follows in Table 2:

Fiscal Year	Annual Growth Rate
FY 2002	2.04%
FY 2003	2.22%
FY 2004	1.88%
FY 2005	3.01%
FY 2006	3.00%

Translating statewide growth projections into actual new construction awards remains difficult. As shown in Table 2, the State experienced increases in the statewide growth rate in FY 2003 and FY 2005. Following the FY 2003 population increase, the Board experienced the largest number and value of new school awards. Since FY 2005 experienced an even larger growth rate, staff should anticipate a higher than average new construction cycle. However, the conceptual plan approved by the Board that incorporated the FY 2005 growth figures showed a reduction in awards. This discrepancy indicates that statewide growth does not necessarily translate to a

new construction need. Other factors including prior awards, existing district space, and which districts actually experience the growth all contribute to new construction awards. These growth numbers reflect students that enter a grade range through ageing and migration. The School Facilities Board staff estimates that this growth pattern will be localized in approximately 50 school districts, mainly in Maricopa, Pinal, and Yuma counties.

*Fiscal Pressures*

With respect to new school construction, there will also be additional pressure on the General Fund for increased appropriations for the following reasons.

<sup>1</sup> The growth metric is based on attending ADM provided by the Department of Education. The numbers include District Schools and Accommodation schools only. Charter Schools and JTED's are not included.

1. Elimination of Lease-to-Own – Laws 2006, Ch. 353 eliminated the SFB’s ability to enter into lease-to-own transactions so there is an increase burden on the General Fund to pay for new school construction on a pay-as-you go basis to eliminate the interest costs associated with bonding.
2. Loss of Prior Year Revenue Sources – There has been a decline of revenue sources such as cash balances, transfers-in, and lease-to-own proceeds available to support new construction expenditures. While FY 2008 new construction expenditures are expected to be 15% above the FY 2007 estimate, the need for increased expenditure authority through a General Fund appropriation represents a 60% increase – from \$250 million to \$399 million due to the lack of revenue sources available in past years.
3. Inflationary Impacts – Pursuant to A.R.S. §15-2041, the Joint Legislative Budget Committee is required to at least annually adjust the cost per square foot for construction market considerations. The action of the Committee has historically made adjustments during the fall (roughly October) of the calendar year, which updates the cost per square foot to the preceding July levels (e.g., July 2006). However, the SFB awards the majority of the projects subject to the cost per square foot after the subsequent January (e.g. January 2007). Therefore the new construction projects are subject to at least six months of inflation that is unaccounted for in the established cost per square foot. In seasons of extreme inflation, this will dramatically impact the buying power of the formula. There is additional inflationary pressure for the months following a project being approved and when construction begins.
4. Quality School Standards –With the shift from a formula program to a cost program due to increased construction costs, the School Facilities Board has been studying and asking for public input about how to interpret how to apply minimum guideline standards, which were defined for Deficiency Corrections and are vague in nature, to a new construction school setting. The Board must decide what design elements or items should be included in a school that is over budget and requires additional funds above what the statutory formula provides.

### *Operational Planning*

In an effort to effectively manage the new school construction program, the School Facilities Board staff is involved in the following efforts.

Long-Term Planning – Upon conceptual approval of new school construction projects, the SFB is making an effort to find land to site future schools in locations that will best serve the emerging growth of the district. In addition, many school districts are working closely with developers to get donations for school sites. If a school district acquires real property by donation, the SFB is required to distribute an amount equal to 20% of the fair market value of the donated property to the school district, which may be used by the district for unrestricted capital outlay. All school sites, whether donated, purchased or partially purchased must be approved by the Board. The SFB staff in making recommendations to the Board ensures that the site will be viable with respect to items such as size, environmental issues, utility routes, etc. The SFB is also encouraging districts to work closely with local governments and planning departments to ensure that school district needs for school sites are considered in the planning process prior to the issuance of permits to developers. Some districts have even been successful in getting the city to not charge for permits and fees for school construction, which saves on the overall cost of the project. Additionally, the SFB is helping districts develop long-term projections that will help districts appropriately size and locate current facilities.

Energy Efficiency and Sustainability – Under Governor Napolitano’s leadership, Executive Order 2005-05 requires that all new state funded buildings be designed and constructed to derive at least 10% of their energy from a renewable resource. Further, all state-funded buildings shall include energy

efficiency standards pursuant to law and buildings newly constructed are required to meet the “silver” Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) standard. Executive Order 2004-28 also requires that all Executive branch agencies take steps necessary to reduce annual water consumption by 5% using FY 2004 levels as a baseline. Executive Order 2001-3 under Governor Hull required that all public schools be designed and constructed in a manner to reduce energy consumption and create energy efficient facilities without adversely affecting the quality of school design and construction by providing necessary funds to school in accordance with School Facilities Board policies and guidelines. The Board has had study session on the issue of Energy to discuss goals of reducing energy consumption by 15 percent and water consumption by 20%. The first step toward the goal is to develop an approved list of energy efficiency upgrades that conform to Board rule R7-6-260 regarding the eight-year pay back. The SFB staff has been working with the architect community to identify items that might qualify and the methodology to track. In addition to the eight-year pay back list, SFB staff has reviewed federal and private incentive programs, requires that new project architects certify that projects meet current state laws regarding energy efficiency, has met with private firms that promote energy upgrades to explore private/public partnerships, and is working toward installing a waterless urinal demonstration project.

Best Practices Review – The SFB continues to research best practices relating to school design and its potential impacts on academic achievement, maintenance associated with various building systems or construction techniques, and with the leadership of the Governor issues surrounding school safety and what facility design attributes would keep Arizona’s children as safe as possible.

Goal	To efficiently analyze school district requests for new school facilities.
Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To review minimum adequacy guidelines with stakeholder input and develop policies that can be applied in a new school construction setting</li> <li>2. To monitor construction inflation and request JLBC review as necessary to ensure cost per square foot keeps pace with market pricing</li> <li>3. To monitor design process to ensure construction of a quality school that meets minimum adequacy guidelines while being a fiduciary of State funding in managing a cost versus formula driven program</li> </ol>
Performance Measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of school district requests for new school facilities funding</li> <li>2. Average number of months from receipt of school district application for new school facility fund monies to School Facilities Board final determination.</li> <li>3. Number of new school construction projects completed</li> <li>4. Amount of inflation</li> </ol>

**Building Renewal** **Issue 2**

The building renewal program as currently constituted is based on a formula that provides approximately 67 percent of the building replacement value over a 50-year period. A.R.S. §15-2031 requires that building renewal be distributed twice a year in lump sum amounts to school districts, as long as districts submit their prior year expenditure report and three-year building renewal plan to the Board. While districts are required to submit a three-year building renewal plan and expenditure data, there is no state oversight on when dollars are actually expended or

whether projects are even necessary. In many cases, districts save dollars year to year in anticipation of a future large expenditure.

#### *Building Renewal Lawsuit*

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### Building Renewal Funding History

Fiscal Year	Formula Amount	Appropriated Amount	Shortfall	Explanation
FY 1999	\$103,747,800	\$75,000,000	\$28,747,800	Laws 1998, Fifth Special Session, Ch. 1 (SB 1001 - Students FIRST), section 64 appropriated \$75 million from the General Fund to the Building Renewal Fund for FY 1999. The amount appropriated represented the best guess at the time since only limited building inventory information was available. The formula amount was originally estimated by SFB to be \$75 million but was later updated to \$103,747,800 after the collection of school district building data. Since the lesser amount of \$75 million was credited to the Building Renewal Fund by the Treasurer, the Board distributed 72% of the formula amount to each district.
FY 2000	\$108,389,300	\$82,500,000	\$25,889,300	The formula amount was originally estimated by SFB to be \$82.5 million (a 10% increase over FY 1999 based on limited information) but was later updated to \$108,389,300 after the collection of school district building data. Since the lesser amount of \$82,500,000 was credited to the Building Renewal Fund by the Treasurer, the Board distributed 76% of the formula amount to each district.
FY 2001	\$122,725,300	\$122,725,300	\$0	In FY 2001, the SFB pursuant to A.R.S. 42-5030.01 instructed the Treasurer to transfer to \$120 million. Subsequently, the Board recalculated the cost at \$122,725,300. In a court decision addressing the legality of prior year shortfalls between the SFB transfer instructions and calculated formula cost, a Maricopa County district court ruled in October 2000 that funding for building renewal each year should be determined by formula cost. In January 2001, the Attorney General issued a formal opinion that the court ruling does not require or permit the SFB to present a revised instruction to the Treasurer to make of the \$2,725,300 shortfall. The SFB therefore requested and the Legislature granted through Laws 2001, Chapter 232 a supplemental appropriation of \$2,725,300.
FY 2002	\$132,000,000	\$62,065,300	\$69,934,700	Pursuant to A.R.S. 42-5030.01, funding is provided through a direct transfer of TPT revenues from the Treasurer in the amount of \$132,000,000. Laws 2002, 3rd SS, Ch. 2, section 22 (HB 2003) transferred \$69,934,700 from the Building Renewal Fund to the General Fund leaving a net appropriation of \$62,065,300.

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FY 2003	\$128,274,062	\$38,274,100	\$89,999,962	Laws 2002, Chapter 330 (HB 2710), section 45 notwithstanding section A.R.S. 15-2002, subsection A, paragraph 10 and required that the state treasurer disregard any instructions of the School Facilities Board relating to the Building Renewal Fund transfers for fiscal year 2002-2003 and instead shall transfer only the sum of \$38,274,100 in fiscal year 2002-2003 from transaction privilege tax revenues to the Building Renewal Fund. Legislature noted in section 61 of same bill that it was their intent that the Deficiency correction program would provide the necessary funds for building renewal needs.
FY 2004		\$0		Laws 2002, Ch. 330, section 61(HB 2710) suspended the building renewal formula for FY 2004. Legislature noted it was their intent that the Deficiency correction program would provide the necessary funds for building renewal needs.
FY 2005	\$134,894,500	\$70,000,000	\$64,894,500	Pursuant to A.R.S. 42-5030.01, funding is provided through a direct transfer of TPT revenues from the Treasurer in the amount of \$134,894,500. However, this was offset by Laws 2004, Ch. 274, section 7 (SB 1406) which transferred \$104,894,500 from the Building Renewal Fund to the General Fund for a net appropriation of \$30,000,00. Additionally, Laws 2004, Ch. 275, section 67 (SB 1402) provided an additional \$40,000,000 through conditional appropriations that were triggered due to excess state revenues for a total appropriation of \$70,000,000. <u>Revised Formula:</u> The alternate formula which was passed and vetoed in Laws 2004, Ch. 274, section 1 (SB 1406) would have produced 71 million. Legislative staffed noted that the appropriation was targeted to this level.
FY 2006 <sup>1/</sup>	\$130,080,500	\$70,000,000	\$60,080,500	Pursuant to Laws 2001, Ch. 117, section 32 (A.R.S. §42-5030.01) a transfer in the amount of \$130,080,500 was made from the General Fund to the Building Renewal Fund. Pursuant to Laws 2005, Chapter 287, section 9 a \$60,080,500 transfer was made from the Building Renewal Fund to the General Fund, leaving the net appropriation of \$70,000,000. <u>Historical Note:</u> Prior to Laws 2005, Ch. 287, section 5, which amended Laws 2001, Ch. 117, sec. 32, the State Treasurer was required to transfer to the Building Renewal Fund, without the need for a specific legislative appropriation, state general fund revenues in an amount instructed by the School Facilities Board. This authority was repealed by Laws 2005, Ch. 287, section 5. <u>Revised Formula:</u> The alternate formula would have produced approximately \$69 million.

Fiscal Year	Formula Amount	Appropriated Amount	Shortfall	Explanation
FY 2007	\$161,465,349	\$86,283,500	\$75,181,849	Laws 2006, Chapter 353, Section 28, (HB 2874) K-12 budget reconciliation bill appropriated \$86,283,500 from the General Fund to the Building Renewal Fund. The appropriation was originally contained in HB 2875, SFB budget reconciliation bill, which altered the formula but was vetoed by Governor Napolitano. The amount was based on the alternate formula.

<sup>1/</sup> The decrease in the formula amount in FY 2006 from FY 2005 is due to the incorporation of Deficiency Correction projects into the formula as renovations.

Goal	To ensure that building renewal funds are used appropriately.
Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review prior year expenditures and three-year plans to ensure that funds have been spent or are being planned for projects that conform with statutory uses</li> <li>2. Enhance web-based building renewal system in the second year rollout (September 2007) to link projects to statutory uses in an effort to collect better information to aid in plan evaluation</li> <li>3. Enhance web-based building renewal system to link expenditure reports to three-year district building renewal plan to identify how closely actual expenditures relate to planned projects</li> <li>4. Accurately maintain school facilities inventory database</li> <li>5. Assist districts in their three-year building renewal plan development as requested and needed by district</li> <li>6. Distribute building renewal funding as required by law.</li> </ol>
Performance Measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percent of school districts that used building renewal funding for non-statutory purposes</li> <li>2. Number of districts instructed by the School Facilities Board to use building renewal funding for preventative maintenance</li> </ol>

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Goal	To efficiently analyze school district requests for emergency deficiency corrections.
Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. To secure funding as necessary to ensure adequate fiscal resources for emergency projects</li> <li>2. To provide feedback to district in a timely manner regarding staff recommendation</li> <li>3. To clarify why projects may or may not have been included in the district's adopted budget, to ensure that projects are not attributable to lack of district planning for items that have a useful life for which the district should have planned, to ensure that projects in smaller districts are considered if building renewal dollars are insufficient to plan for problem</li> </ol>
Performance Measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Number of requests for emergency deficiency corrections funding</li> <li>2. Number of business days from receipt of a school district's emergency deficiency corrections application request to notification to school district regarding School Facilities Board staff recommendation</li> </ol>

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Currently, the law does not provide a dedicated state-funding source for preventive maintenance. However, A.R.S. §15-2031 subsection J allows school districts to use eight percent of the building renewal amount generated by the statutory formula for routine preventative maintenance, which are services that are performed on a regular schedule at intervals ranging from four times a year to once every three years and that are intended to extend the useful life of a building system and reduce the need for major repairs.

Goal	To inspect school districts to ensure compliance with building adequacy standards with respect to construction of new buildings and maintenance of existing buildings.
Strategies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Assist school districts in the preparation and submittal of required preventive maintenance plans.</li> <li>2. Review annual preventive maintenance school district reports.</li> </ol>

	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Inspect schools on an annual basis to ensure that all schools are inspected over a five-year time frame.</li> <li>4. Work with districts and the Legislature to ensure that the resources necessary to properly maintain the State's schools are made available and properly used.</li> </ol>
Performance Measures	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Percent of all school district schools inspected to ensure minimum adequacy guidelines</li> <li>2. Average number of issues per school inspected that do not meet minimum adequacy standards</li> <li>3. Percent of inspected schools determined to have an adequate preventative maintenance program</li> </ol>

## Full Day Kindergarten

Issue 5

Laws 2006, Chapter 353 established a Group B kindergarten weight at .835 in FY 2007 and 1.352 in FY 2008 and beyond, which was intended to provide sufficient General Fund funding toward completing the phase-in of voluntary full-day kindergarten at all Arizona schools over the next two years. However, section 4 of the bill eliminated the requirement that the legislature develop a plan, including capital monies, to provide statewide full-day kindergarten instruction by fiscal year 2009-2010. It requires that if a school district or charter school chooses to offer voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction, any necessary capital monies needed to implement voluntary full-day kindergarten instruction shall be provided by the school district or charter school.

The Arizona Constitution requires that the State provide appropriate facilities to meet the academic goals of the State. The law now provides the operating funds for districts to implement full-day kindergarten. However, the law does not allow the School Facilities Board to provide the facilities to accommodate full-day kindergarten. Instead, districts are left to their own resources to provide full-day kindergarten capital. Under the current scenario, those districts with excess space or local funds will be able to implement full day kindergarten while those without those resources will not.

As a part of the FY 2008 budget, the SFB requested that the new construction formula be changed to allow the SFB to recognize kindergarten students as a full ADM rather than half ADM under the current law. If changed, the SFB staff estimates this would require the Board to approve \$157.4 million in new space in FY 2008. This space would be built and financed over multiple years. The first fiscal impact would be in FY 2008 estimated at \$7.9 million.

There are not any specific goals, strategies, or measures for Full-Day Kindergarten as any project would be tracked within the context of the New Construction program but the issue is important and worth specific reference.