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**To:** School District Personnel

**From:** Arizona School Facilities Board Staff

**RE:** REMINDER: Approval for Reduction in Academic Space

SFB Staff is reminding all school districts that Arizona Statute prohibits districts from reducing student square footage at any school facility without School Facilities Board approval.

A.R.S. §15-341 (G) requires school districts to:

1. Notify the SFB of their intention to reduce student square footage, AND
2. Receive written approval from the SFB prior to any action by the district.

Reductions in student square footage include: The sale of school sites or buildings, an increase in administrative space, a re-configuration of grades.

If your district is considering a reduction in academic space, please contact SFB School Finance Specialist Katie Robinson at 602-542-4457 before taking any action.

#### **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.