

FACILITIES PLANNING AND FUNDING FOR CHARTER SCHOOLS

1. Planning

District charter schools shall be invited to participate in the district's facilities planning process on the same basis as any other school in the district. To be considered during the facilities planning process, the charter school shall submit a capital construction plan to the Board as provided in state law. The Board will prioritize the charter school's request in relation to the capital construction needs of the entire district and inform the charter school of its status. As provided in state law, the Board has discretion when reviewing the request.

2. Funding

District charter schools shall be invited to participate in discussions regarding possible district submission district of a bond question to the voters. A charter school may request that its facility needs be included in a district bond question or that they be submitted as a separate ballot question for approval of a special mill levy.

If the Board determines that a charter school has established capital construction needs, which are a priority in relation to the needs of the entire district, the Board has discretion to include the charter needs in a district bond question or to submit a special mill levy to the voters. In either case, the Board will proceed according to state law and consult with the charter school as required. If the Board determines that a charter school has not established capital construction needs or submitted a viable plan, the Board shall provide the charter school with a written statement specifying the reasons for its conclusions.

Despite a negative determination by the Board, the charter school may request that a special mill levy be submitted, as long as the charter school agrees to pay all of the costs of submitting the ballot question.

3. New Charter School Needs

Any assistance provided by the school district to enable a new charter school to meet its short- and long-term facilities needs shall be addressed in the charter contract.

4. Waiver of Receipt of Funds

The Board shall not grant any waiver to forego receipt of any amount of capital construction funds provided to the charter school under state or federal law.

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Legal ref: 22.30.5 et seq. (Charter School Capital Facilities Financing Act)

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