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Financial Hardship and 2022 State School Bond

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Speaker Biography

**Joshua Jorn, CSFC Chair
Chief Officer of General Services and Business Support
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Mr. Jorn served as the Executive Director of General Services with MCOE since 2010, and is currently the Chief Officer of General Services and Business Support. In this capacity he oversees maintenance, operations, transportation, mail service, warehousing, county wide school safety, fleet management, and school facility planning and funding to ensure students and staff are housed in the best possible learning environments. In August 2017, Mr. Jorn began development and implementation of contracts and form agreements for MCOE programs in coordination with Finance and Business. He works directly with our local educational agencies in the area of developer fees, developer studies and local bond review and implementation.

**Rebekah Cearley
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Rebekah Cearley is a legislative advocate for education entities including the County School Facilities Consortium (CSFC), the Coalition for Adequate School Housing (CASH), and the Community College Facility Coalition (CCFC), with a focus on school facilities issues.

She has over ten years of experience in the State advocacy sector, helping clients from small associations to large companies navigate the State budget, legislative, and regulatory processes. She previously served as a consultant to school districts participating in the State School Facility Program, assisting them with accessing state grant dollars for facility projects.

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FINANCIAL HARDSHIP AND 2022 STATE SCHOOL BOND

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STATUS — 2022 STATE SCHOOL BOND

Two bond bills: AB 75 (O'Donnell) & SB 22 (Glazer)

- Both are in the Education Committee in the second house
- Negotiations will continue in early 2022
- Aiming for November 2022 ballot

What size? What programs?

- AB 75 = \$12 billion for K-14
- SB 22 = \$15.5 billion for K-University

Any consideration for the new Transitional Kindergarten grade level?

What does the Administration want?

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SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT ASSISTANCE

AB 75 and SB 22 include Small School District Assistance

- Fewer than 2,501 pupils

Creates preliminary apportionment for NC and mod projects – reserves up to 10% of each pot

Project and construction management grant – 5% of state share of preliminary apportionment

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SFP AUDIT – MODERNIZATION

State Auditor is auditing the School Facility Program (modernization only)

Request submitted by Senator Hertzberg – concerned that a system based on property values has led to an inequitable distribution of funds

Audit to inform 2022 state school bond development

Financial Hardship is a mechanism that can address concerns raised in audit request

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SFP AUDIT SCOPE AND OBJECTIVES

1. Review if OPSC appropriately administers funding.
2. Evaluate methods (State and local) of financing construction and maintenance of school facilities, and compare to known estimated need.
3. Assess the extent of equity gaps in financing of school construction and maintenance. Review per pupil value of AV.
4. Review school accountability report cards and survey a selection of schools re: facility needs. Present info re: school facility deferred maintenance.

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5. Estimate the future need for modernization and new construction of school facilities and present viable options for stable revenue sources.
6. Review options for addressing future funding and financing shortcomings and propose solutions.
7. Assess effect of deferred construction and modernization on student well-being and educational outcomes.

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CSFC FINANCIAL HARDSHIP PRINCIPLES

Extend FH status approval from 6 months to 12 months

Provide reservation of bond authority for FH projects that receive a design apportionment

Allow FH projects to retain savings

NEW Allow FH projects to adjust total project apportionment once construction is underway/complete, to reflect unanticipated or actual costs. *Requires exemption to "full and final" grant rules.*

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FOR DISCUSSION

What issues have you had with Financial Hardship projects?

Does your COE avoid Financial Hardship?

- If so – why?
- How do you fund your projects?

Are there other principles we should consider adding?

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QUESTIONS?



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