## Concepts and Roles in New Construction

Providing proper educational facilities is a major responsibility of the Board. The design of the school plant, adequacy of space, and flexibility of use should all combine to enhance the instructional program.

Since school construction is costly, and buildings become a permanent part of the community to be used by large numbers of people, great care must be taken to make certain that the facilities will fully support the intended educational and community programs. Provisions shall be taken to allow easy and inexpensive alteration of buildings to meet future educational and community needs. Buildings must also provide a healthful environment, and the styling of the facilities shall permit them to fit harmoniously and attractively into the community.

The Board approves the budget for the following:

- 1. The construction of new buildings, as well as when and where they shall be built;
- 2. Additions to buildings or any major alterations;
- 3. The purchases of school sites for future plant expansion if necessary;
- 4. Contracts for architects and structural engineers for the building program;

The Superintendent or designee recommends and, if approved:

- 1. Supervises the development of the building program in accordance with state law and regulation;
- 2. Directs the planning of all educational features of new buildings or alterations of old buildings;
- 3. Maintains overall responsibility for the adequate implementation of the building program in accord with the educational needs of the Office;
- 4. Acts as authorized agent of the district in all official governmental interactions related to the building program;

The Assistant Superintendent, Business Services:

1. Coordinates the preparation of plans from the developed educational specifications;

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- 2. Oversees the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction;
- 3. Coordinates the facility inspection program by authorized building inspectors.

## Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE** 

17210-17224 General provisions (school sites)

17260-17268 Plans of schoolhouses

17280-17317 Approval of plans and supervision of construction

17340-17343 Building of schoolhouses

17350-17360 Factory-built school buildings

17365-17374 Fitness of buildings for occupancy; liability of board members

17400-17429 Leasing of school buildings

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14001 Minimum standards

14010 Procedure for site acquisition

14030 Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities

14031-14032 Submissions to bureau of school facilities planning; approval

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