

Relations with Local Agencies

The Board of Education and Superintendent recognize the importance of collaborating and communicating with other local agencies in order to provide the best possible school facilities and to allocate facility resources in an effective and efficient manner. The Superintendent or designee and County Office of Education staff will consult and coordinate with local agencies as required by law and whenever the expertise and resources of these agencies can assist the County Office in the planning, design and construction of facilities.

Following notification by a city or county of proposed action to adopt or substantially revise a general plan, the Superintendent or designee may request a meeting with the local planning agency to discuss possible methods of coordinating planning, design and construction of new school facilities and school sites.

Recognizing that available funds may not suffice to eliminate overcrowding in schools caused by new development, the Superintendent urges the city/county to adopt in its general plan or other appropriate planning documents, to the extent permitted by law, a provision which ensures that adequate school facilities will be available.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the city council or county board of supervisors whenever it finds, based on clear and convincing evidence:

1. That conditions of overcrowding exist which may impair the normal functioning of the educational programs, and the reason for the existence of those conditions
2. That all reasonable methods of mitigating conditions of overcrowding have been evaluated and no feasible method for reducing those conditions exists

The above notice shall specify the mitigation measures considered by the Superintendent or designee and shall include a completed application to the Office of Public School Construction for preliminary determination of eligibility for school construction under applicable state law.

The Superintendent or designee shall notify the appropriate city or county planning agency of the adoption of a school facility needs analysis or facilities master plan, the acquisition of a school site, or other action regarding school facilities in accordance with law.

Board Policy 7131(b)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

17280-17316 Approval of plans and supervision of construction

35275 New school planning; cooperation with recreation and park authorities

GOVERNMENT CODE

53090-53097.5 Compliance with city or county regulations

65300-65307 Authority for and scope of general plans

65352.2 Communication between cities, counties and school districts

65850-65863.11 Adoption of regulations

65970-65981 School facilities

65995-65998 Developer fees

PUBLIC RESOURCES CODE

21000-21177 California Environmental Quality Act of 1970

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14010 Procedure for site acquisition

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 14

15000-15285 Implementation of California Environmental Quality Act of 1970