Santa Barbara Unified School District  
Board Policy BP 7210

Facilities  

FACILITIES FINANCING  

When it is determined that school facilities must be built or expanded to accommodate an increased or projected increased enrollment, the Governing Board shall consider appropriate methods of financing for the purchase of school sites and the construction of buildings. In addition, financing may be needed when safety considerations and educational program improvements require the replacement, reconstruction or modernization of existing facilities.

The Superintendent or designee shall research funding alternatives and recommend to the Board the method that would best serve district needs as identified in the district's master plan for school facilities.

(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)

These funding alternatives may include, but not be limited to:

1. Levying developer fees pursuant to Education Code 17620 and Government Code 65995-65998

(cf. 7211 - Developer Fees)

2. Forming a community facilities district pursuant to Government Code 53311-53368.3, the Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act

(cf. 7212 - Mello-Roos Districts)

3. Forming a school facilities improvement district pursuant to Education Code 15300-15425

(cf. 7213 - School Facilities Improvement Districts)

4. Issuing voter-approved general obligation bonds

5. Imposing a qualified parcel tax pursuant to Government Code 50079

6. Using lease revenues for capital outlay purposes from surplus school property

Legal Reference:
EDUCATION CODE
15100-17059.2 School bonds, especially:
15122.5 Ballot statement
15300-15327 School facilities improvement districts
17000-17059.2 State School Building Lease-Purchase Law of 1976
17060-17066 Joint venture school facilities construction projects
17070.10-17076.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998
17085-17095 State Relocatable Classroom Law of 1979
District deferred maintenance fund
Levies against development projects by school districts especially:
Procedures for levying fees

GOVERNMENT CODE

6061 One time notice
6066 Two weeks' notice
50075-50077 Voter-approved special taxes
50079 School districts: qualified special taxes
53175-53187 Integrated Financing District Act
53311-53368.3 Mello-Roos Community Facilities Act of 1982
53753 Assessment notice and hearing requirements
53753.5 Exemptions
54954.1 Mailed notice to property owners
54954.6 New or increased tax or assessment; public meetings and hearings; notice
65864-65867 Development agreements
65970-65980.1 School facilities development project
65995-65998 Payment of fees against a development project
66000-66008 Fees for development projects
66016-66018.5 Development project fees
66020-66025 Protests and audits

HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE
33445.5 Overcrowding of schools resulting from redevelopment
33446 School construction by redevelopment agency

CALIFORNIA CONSTITUTION
Article 13D, Sections 1-6 Assessment and property related fee reform

UNCODIFIED STATUTES
17696-17696.98 Greene-Hughes School Building Lease-Purchase Bond Law of 1986

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2
1859-1859.106 School facility program

COURT DECISIONS
Ehrlich v. City of Culver City (1996) 12 Cal.4th 854
Dolan v. City of Tigard (1994) 114 S.Ct. 2309
Garlic Development Co. v. Hayward Unified School District (1992) 3 Cal.App.4th 320, 4 Cal.Rptr.2d 897

ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

Management Resources:
WEB SITES
Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction: http://www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/

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