

Policy 7131: Relations With Local Agencies

The Governing Board recognizes 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 Governing Board and district staff shall consult and coordinate with local agencies as required by law, and shall utilize the expertise and resources of such agencies when useful to the district in the planning, design, and construction of facilities.

The Governing Board shall meet with the appropriate local agency recreation and park authorities to review all possible methods of coordinating the planning, design, and construction of new school facilities and school sites, or major additions to existing school facilities and recreation and park facilities in the community. (Education Code 35275)

Upon receiving notification of proposed action to adopt or substantially revise a city or county general plan, the Governing Board 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. (Government Code 65352.2)

The Superintendent or designee shall monitor land development proposals within district boundaries and shall ensure that an exchange of accurate information is maintained with city/county planning staff regarding the impact of land development on the district's educational programs and facility needs. When necessary, the district shall recommend measures for inclusion in the city/county general plan to ensure the availability of adequate school facilities to address the new development.

Recognizing that available funds may not suffice to eliminate overcrowding in district schools caused by new development, the Governing Board 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.

Notifications to Other Local Agencies

In order to adequately mitigate the additional students generated by new development within the district, the Governing Board may make a finding, based on clear and convincing evidence, that: (Government Code 65971)

1. That conditions of overcrowding, as defined in Government Code 65973, exist in one or more attendance areas within the district which will 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

Upon making such a finding, the Governing Board shall notify the city council or county board of supervisors of such finding. The notice shall include a completed application to the Office of Public School Construction for preliminary determination of eligibility for school construction under applicable state law. (Government Code 65971)

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

District Workforce Housing Development

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the use of district-owned real property for workforce housing is consistent with the criteria specified in Government Code 65914.7.