

County School Facilities Consortium Accomplishments 2022

CSFC remains active during challenging times, continuing to meet monthly to keep our members informed about the latest issues affecting county offices of education and their facilities.

Our organization's accomplishments in 2022 include:

- Represented COEs during bond bill negotiations and facilities funding advocacy, to ensure equitable inclusion of COEs and consideration of their unique facilities needs [AB 75 (O'Donnell) and SB 22 (Glazer)].
 - Focused advocacy on maintaining and expanding Financial Hardship provisions.
- Hosted a successful in-person CSFC Annual Summit in October 2022, honoring Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell with the County School Facilities Leadership Award.
- Actively engaged in legislative advocacy, with successful outcomes on the following:
 - AB 1867 (Lee): Water conserving plumbing fixtures Requested and received amendments to limit the scope of the bill only to restrooms that are otherwise planned for modernization, allowing CSFC to remove opposition.
 - AB 2232 (McCarty): CO2 monitors and HVAC inspections Requested and received amendments that removed the mandate to install CO2 monitors in all classrooms, absent funding, allowing CSFC to remove opposition.
 - SB 1144 (Wiener): Water quality assessments and lead pipe replacement Worked in partnership with a large coalition of opponents, who were successful in getting the bill vetoed by the Governor.
- Worked with the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) on the implementation of the updated Facility Inspection Tool (FIT), providing feedback during the testing phase and urging OPSC to provide an Excel version in addition to the new cloud-based tool.
- Advocated before the State Allocation Board (SAB) on the use of piggyback contracts for modular construction on permanent foundations, requesting the Board maintain the existing authority to utilize piggyback contracts for state-funded projects.
- Provided an ongoing forum to discuss challenges and share solutions on issues including:
 - Financial Hardship use of savings;
 - Safely operating schools and distributing supplies during the COVID-19 pandemic;
 - Use of Federal COVID-19 relief funds for school facilities;
 - Facility Inspection Tool revisions;
 - Preschool, Transitional Kindergarten, and Full-Day Kindergarten Facilities Grant Program development and funding opportunities.

Thank you for your involvement in CSFC and your leadership on COE school facilities and maintenance & operations issues.