

## OSPI Status Report to the Joint Task Force on School Construction Funding - September 17, 2008

K-12 Formula Methods Study and Enrollment Projections Evaluation Study: Review the school construction assistance formula and report back on transparency. Complete an evaluation of enrollment projection methodologies.

**Management Approach:** OSPI combined these studies into one, competitive contract with Berk & Associates and Lapkoff & Gobalet Demographic Research. Enrollment projection is a key driver for eligibility in the funding formula and OSPI determined it was important to have the information learned from the enrollment projection study available for the wider review of the K-12 Formula Methods.

**Progress To-Date:** Work began on July 1, 2008. Three Work Group advisory meetings have been held and summaries of these meetings are presented by Berk & Associates and members of Work Group to the Task Force. Thus far, the Work Group has focused on the policy principles and their relationship to the formula transparency and reviewing research from other states to gain an understanding of school construction funding approaches and funding formulas in other parts of the country. As a result of this effort, a number of preliminary recommendations will be provided to increase formula transparency; which will include renaming some formula components for more consistency and accuracy, reflecting area cost allowance (ACA) as true construction costs, basing the per student square foot on actual educational needs and enhancing communication to make the State's funding program more visible, interactive and understandable. The Work Group is planning to discuss and recommend potential options for revamping the current school construction assistance program and formula.

Timeline:	
Work Began	July 1, 2008
Work Group Meetings	July 21 and 31, 2008
Progress Reports and Presentation of Deliverables to Task Force	August 13, 2008 and September 17, 2008
Final Report and Presentation to Task Force	October 1, 2008 and October 15, 2008
Implementation of Task Force Recommendations	Through June 2009

Regional School Construction Assistance Program: Develop and implement a regional assistance program.

**Management Approach:** OSPI will contract for a gap analysis to determine what school facility services are needed by school districts, to identify program delivery method(s) and to make a recommendation to the Superintendent for the preferred program delivery method(s).

**Progress To-Date:** OSPI's consultant MGT of America, Inc. has completed the process of scheduling and conducting interviews with GA & ESD 112 (including CSG) staff, a cross-section of school districts and other key stakeholders. MGT is now in the process of determining deficiencies in, barriers to, and gaps in facilities services offered to

school districts across the state and will be identifying and making recommendations about program delivery methods.

Timeline:	
Work Began	July 31, 2008
Gap Analysis Results Delivered to Task Force	October 15, 2008
Program Implementation (appropriate programmatic pieces)	Late September – October 2008
Program Delivery Recommendations Delivered to Task Force	November 5, 2008
Superintendent Final Program Delivery Decision	November 14, 2008
Final Report and Presentation of Superintendent's Program Delivery Decision to Task Force	December 17, 2008
Implementation of New Program	Ongoing After December 2008

Annual Project Release: Review and evaluate changing the annual release cycle.

**Management Approach:** OSPI will develop the options using staff and the expertise of OSPI's School Facilities Technical Advisory Committee.

**Progress To-Date:** OSPI has completed its review of a change in the release cycle and included the recommended change in OSPI's 2009-11 Biennial Capital Budget Request. The recommendation is to offer a February release in addition to the July release. A \$305 million budget impact is forecast because front funded projects in FY 2012 (2011-13 biennium) will take advantage of the February 2011 release, therefore moving into the 2009-11 biennium. This budget impact will be offset in following biennia.

Timeline:	
Advisory Group Involvement	April 2008
Description of Options and Implications	Through August 2008
Presentation to the Task Force	September 2008
Include in OSPI 2009-11 Biennial Capital Budget Request	September 2008