7100 LONG-RANGE FACILITIES PLANNING (M)

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The Board of Education recognizes that sound planning based on accurate information is essential to the provision of suitable educational facilities. In order to ensure that future district construction is planned on the basis of need, the Board, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2.1 et seq. will maintain and submit a Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP) to the New Jersey Department of Education. Except as provided in N.J.A.C 6A:26-3.16, no school facilities project will be considered or approved unless the district's LRFP has been submitted to and approved by the Commissioner of Education.

The district may submit an amendment to an approved LRFP for review and approval by the Commissioner of Education at any time whenever it seeks to undertake a capital project that is inconsistent with the approved LRFP then in effect.

Early Childhood Program Aide (ECPA) Districts Only

The district will amend their LRFP annually, immediately following approval of the district's ECPA plan, to ensure that it is consistent with the approved ECPA plan required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-16 and N.J.A.C. 6A:24-3 et seq. or N.J.A.C. 6:19-3.1.

The Board shall review all facilities annually to determine if any of them are substandard pursuant to 6A:26-8.1 et seq. All substandard facilities must be initially approved by the County Superintendent of Schools. Such approvals are given for a maximum of two consecutive years unless inspected by the New Jersey Department of Education, Division of Finance, and the Board shall not continue their use without the express written consent of the County Superintendent of Schools. No substandard educational facility will be approved unless inspected by the Division of Facilities and transportation in the Department of Education to ensure:

1. The facilities meet health, safety and educational adequacy standards for temporary, substandard facilities, as specified in N.J.A.C. 6A:26;

2. A plan has been developed by the district and approved by the County Superintendent of Schools to upgrade the facilities to standard, fully-approved conditions.

The County Superintendent will annually monitor the district's plans to upgrade facilities to fully approved status. The district will provide funds in the next immediate annual budget to correct the deficiencies the district is notified by the County Superintendent on or before October 1 annually. Failure to budget the correction of deficiencies and to implement the corrections by the next September 1 following the October 1 notice will result in the Division of Facilities and Transportation ordering that the substandard facility be abandoned immediately.

The factors as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:26-8.1(e) will be taken into account in making a determination upon any application for the use of emergency substandard facilities.

N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-1 et seq.; 18A:11-1; 18A:33-1 et seq.; 18A:46-13
N.J.A.C. 6:23-1.1 et seq.; 6A:26-2.1 et seq.; 6A:26-8.1 et seq.

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