



Update on School Construction & Planning Issues

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School Planning Services

- **General Statutes require Plan Review and Comment on ALL construction/renovation Projects (approval on Science Labs and Mobile Units)**
- Website www.schoolclearinghouse.org
- Specialized Space Profiles and Cost workups
- Publications on Facility Planning Issues
- Construction Cost Tracking
- PSBCF Forms and reports
- Administration of QZABs and QSCBs
- Technical Assistance on Facility Issues
- Prototype Plans

Plan Review Issues

- Required by Statute to Review and Comment on ALL plans for construction:
 - New schools, additions and renovations
 - Small projects such as dugouts, concession stands, storage buildings, etc
 - Pre-engineered Buildings
 - Technology Installations
 - Re-roofing
 - Booster Club Building Projects
 - Modular installations (trailers) require **Approval**
 - Science Labs/Classrooms require **Approval**



New Laws Passed!

2009 Bills Passed

- H42 Science Safety
- H311 Eliminate sunset on portions of ½ Cent Sales Taxes earmarking for school construction
- H735 High Schoolers at Community Colleges
- S689 High Schoolers at Universities/Colleges
- H1031 Bldg. Stds./Pre-K Classes in Public Schools
- H1471 Encourage Counties & Schools Share P. E. Equipment/Facilities
- S754 DPI to administer QSCBs and QZABs

2009 Legislative Action/Inaction

- Reinstate sales tax refunds for LEAs (Can still work thru county to get refund) (Still an issue)
- S386 Reporting on future uses of PSBCF
- H282 Green School Construction Revolving Loan Fund
- H1199 Energy Efficiency in Bldgs. if State Funded.

QSCBs and QZABs

- Both Apps due tomorrow
- Start discussions with lenders NOW
- Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCBs)
 - Funds not issued by Dec 31 will be added to next year's amount (probably another 88.6M (5 LEAs) + 187.17M)
- Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (QZABs)
 - 56.7M for 2008 & 2009 probably 44.1M for 2010
 - 10% Match, 35% free/reduced lunch
 - Zero Interest
 - Renovations only
 - 500K – 4M allocations/LEA



Other Stimulus Funding

- **Build America Bonds**
 - No limit – low interest
- **Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds**
 - Through State Energy Office
- **Impact Aid Grants**
 - Military base impacts and tribal units
- **Rural Community Facilities Program**
 - Grants through Dept. of Ag. for rural areas
- **Energy Block Grants**
 - Through State Energy Office

Public School Capital Building Fund (PSCBF)

- Governor's hold on withdrawals is over
- ADM portion is likely to be withheld in current budget
- Lottery funds appear to be untouched in new budget so far
- ± 147 M expected as lottery appropriation for 2009/2010

Other State construction funding Sources

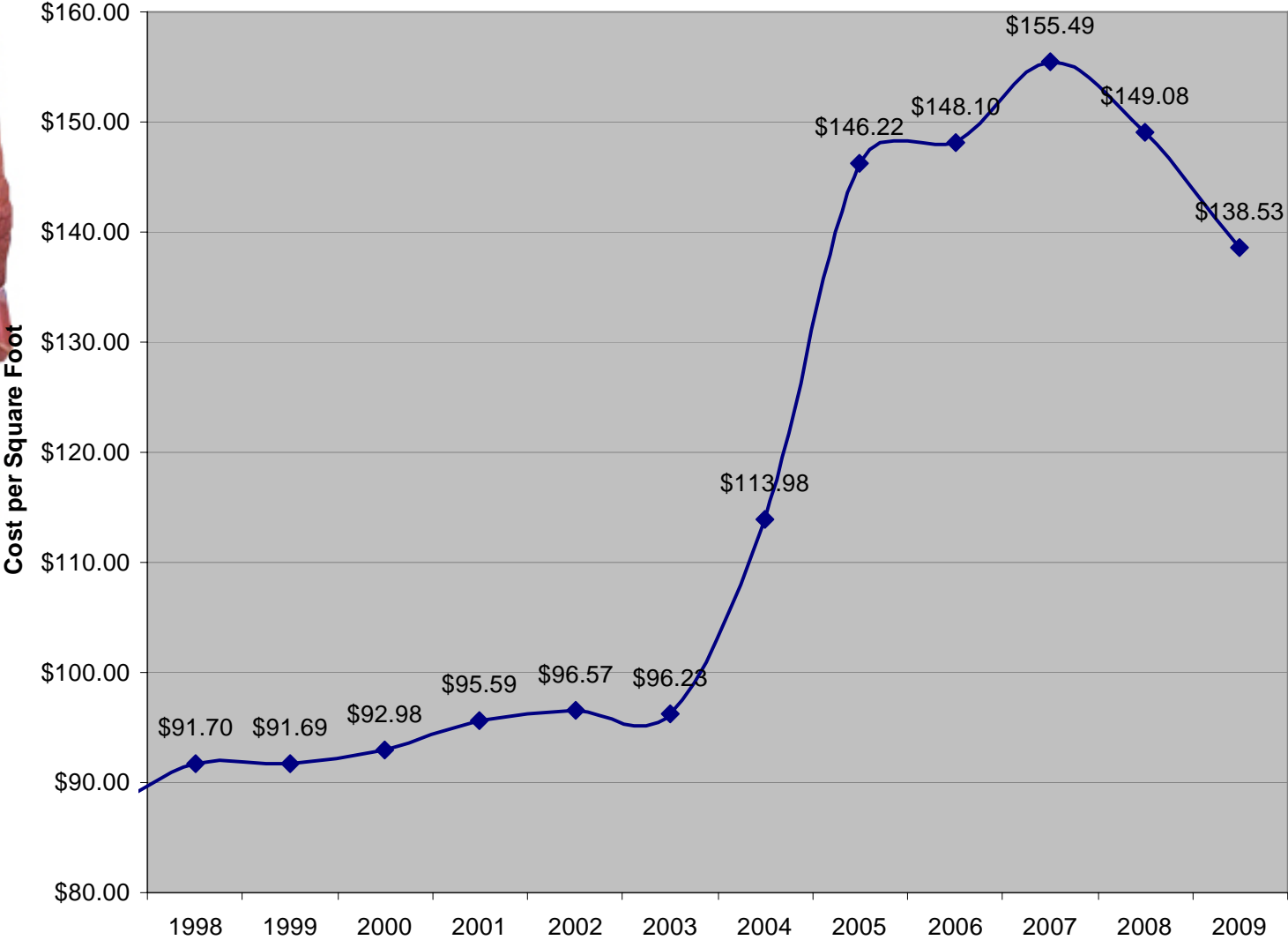
- Portions of Two ½ cent sales taxes (\$0.45 total)
 - Earmark for school construction would have begun to sunset in two years (2011)
 - Bill to remove/extend sunset passed July 23rd
- Literary Loan Fund
 - ~400k in fund
 - Probably eliminated in new budget

Construction Costs

- Pressure to Reduce Costs
 - Usually means cuts in quality/longevity too!
 - Too small classrooms are a ***permanent*** problem!
- \$50 sf - 52% increase between '03 and '05
- Instability since 2005 – currently low bids (only seven samples for 2009 so far)
- These are plain vanilla schools – NOT Taj Mahals

Construction Cost Average

Average Yearly Costs



Prototype Clearinghouse Website

(www.schoolclearinghouse.org)

- Many prototype designs for all types of schools
- Has evolved into an extensive information repository
- New items
 - QZAB and QSCB info/applications
 - Lottery proceeds distribution
 - New Publications: *Selected Laws, Science Safety, Design & Construction Procedures, CM @ Risk, Pre-engineered Buildings, Design for Violent Attack, CPSC Playground Safety, Water Conservation, Facility Guidelines* update in the works
 - Individual Project data
 - School Sanitation Rules changes coming: Grade Card

Questions????



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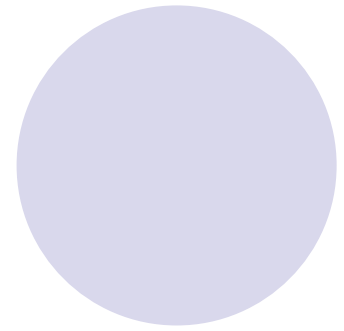
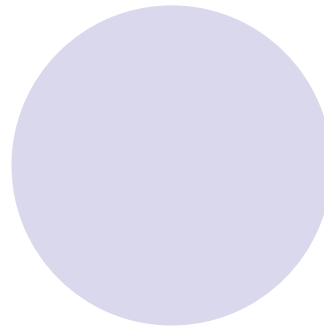
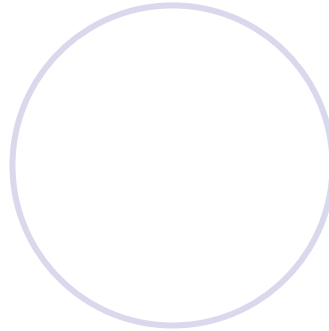
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