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Board Agenda Item Request

AGENDA ITEM: **Discussion Item**

PURPOSE: Portable Classrooms- Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding Program

MEETING DATE: November 18, 2026

PREPARED BY: Jake Massey

INFORMATIONAL SUMMARY:

LJSD Leadership would like to apply for use of the Idaho Public School Facilities Cooperative Fund for three portable classroom buildings. With the funds, we propose purchasing and placing two portable classrooms at Timberlake Middle School and one at Garwood Elementary.

Currently, the enrollment at each schools is above the functional capacity of the building:

- Timberlake Middle School currently has 452 students enrolled, meaning they are at 113% of the functional capacity of the building. *(an increase from 110% in 26/27)*
- Garwood Elementary School currently has 443 students enrolled, meaning they are at 106% of the functional capacity of the building. *(an increase from 97% in 26/27)*

The Cooperative Funding Program is set up under Idaho Code 33-909 and is administered through the Idaho Department of Education. To qualify, school districts must have failed a Plant Facility Levy in the past two years. If funds are granted, the district would repay any granted funds through an annual payment from the School District Facilities Fund.

We know we are eligible for these funds, and we believe this would be an appropriate use of the funds for our schools with growing populations.

Should the board discuss and agree to move forward, we will immediately begin estimating costs and determining feasibility of the projects at each school site. The board would be asked to take action on an application for funds during the December regular board meeting.

Building	Design (Max) Capacity	Functional Capacity	FY26 Enrollment 11.12.26	Enrollment vs. Functional Capacity	Enrollment vs. Design Capacity
John Brown Elementary	542	404	369	91.34%	68.08%
Spirit Lake Elementary	417	326	302	92.64%	72.42%
Athol Elementary	541	404	280	69.31%	51.76%
Betty Kiefer Elementary	587	449	371	82.63%	63.20%
Garwood Elementary	552	416	443	106.49%	80.25%
Twin Lakes Elementary	463	347	269	77.52%	58.10%
Lakeland Middle School	931	778	721	92.67%	77.44%
Timberlake Middle School	508	399	452	113.28%	88.98%
Lakeland High School	1093	911	901	98.90%	82.43%
Timberlake High School	943	788	510	64.72%	54.08%
Mountain View Alternative School	227	108	131	121.30%	57.71%
Total	**6804**	**5330**	**4749**	**89.10%**	**69.80%**

Idaho Public School Facilities Cooperative Funding Application

Please submit completed applications to SFCF@sde.idaho.gov

When submitting additional documentation, please reference the page number that corresponds to the relevant application question. Clearly indicate where in the attached materials the supporting information is located.

District Information:

- **District Name:**
- **Superintendent Name:**
- **Project Contact Person Name and Title:**
- **Contact Phone Number:**
- **Contact Email Address:**

Project Information:

1. **Project Title:**
2. **Project Location (School Name and Address):**
3. **Please explain which of the following criteria your LEA has satisfied to be considered for funding from the Idaho Public School Facilities Cooperative Fund. Additional documentation may be included to help satisfy this requirement:**
    - **a.** (a) The district has not successfully passed at least one bond or plant facility levy for repairing, renovating, or replacing unsafe school facilities during the two years prior to submitting the application**.**
    - b. (b) The administrator of the Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses has identified unsafe facilities in the district, and the district has failed to address these issues as required under Chapter 80, Title 39, Idaho Code.
    - c. (c) The district has passed one or more bond or plant facility levies to repair, renovate, or replace unsafe facilities in the prior two years, but the cost of fixing the unsafe conditions exceeds the amount of money raised by those levies.

New with the passage of H608 of 2026: *School districts are no longer required to run an additional bond vote from your patrons if the Cooperative Fund project approved for funding by the committee under Idaho Code § 33-909 2(a) or 2(b) amount requested is less than your original (failed) bond or levy.*

4. **If qualifying under item 3 (a) or (b), please describe the specific safety deficiency that will be mitigated if these funds are awarded. Additionally, explain how the identified safety concern aligns with the requirements outlined in Idaho Code Title 39, Chapter 80, or IDAPA 24 – Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses, Division of Building Safety – Uniform School Building Safety, Rule 24.39.60.**

5. **Type of Project:**
    a. New Construction
    b. Renovation
    c. Maintenance/Repair
    d. Other (Please specify): _____

6. **Provide a concise summary of the project, including its purpose and scope. Please include how the proposed project will rectify the unsafe conditions.**

7. **Please provide information that will enable the panel to conclude that the project as proposed is the most economical solution to the problem, as analyzed within a projected twenty (20) year time frame.**

8. **Specify the amount of funding requested from the Public School Facilities Cooperative Fund and include a detailed budget of the project costs.**

9. **Describe how the district has planned for contingencies within the construction project budget. Specifically, what percentage or amount is being reserved as a contingency fund, and what criteria will guide its use (e.g., unforeseen site conditions, material cost fluctuations, or schedule delays)? What funding source is the district utilizing for this contingency?**

10. **What were the bond and/or levies proposed to address safety concerns related to this project that failed in the two years prior to the application? Please include both approved and failed bonds as well as relevant details such as the dates of the elections and the percentage of votes in favor and opposed for each proposal. Detail the**

portions of the failed bond or plant facility levy that were intended to correct the safety concern requested in this application.

Approved Bonds or Levies

Bond Vote Date	Vote % Approved	Length of Bond	Amount Raised through Bond	Average P&I Payments	What is the Bond/levy Covering

Failed Bonds or Levies

Bond Vote Date	Vote % Opposed	Length of Proposed Bond	Amount Proposed to Raise	What would the Bond/levy have covered?

11. **How was the requested funding amount calculated (RFP, previous bid, current market estimates, etc.)?**

12. **Desired Projected Start Date:**

13. **Desired Projected Completion Date:**

14. **If the application is approved, when should the funds be transferred into the LEA's account?**

15. **The school district will comply with all applicable state and local building codes, as well as procurement laws and regulations.**
    a. Yes
    b. No

16. **By submitting this application, the LEA agrees that, if approved, it will repay eligible borrowed funds with the annual transfer from the School District Facilities Fund (H292) allocation. This would include all School District Facilities Fund distributions not paying down eligible bond payments until the project is paid off:**
    c. Yes
    d. No

Please provide attachments <u>where applicable:</u>

- Detailed Project Budget (**required**)
- Documentation of safety issues from qualified personnel (**required**)
- Architectural Plans for proposed new construction
- Bids for proposed projects
- Division of Occupational and Professional Licenses (DOPL) inspections
- An accounting of all bond and plant facility levies of the district, including the revenue generated or attempted to be generated from those levies (required)
- Market Value for assessment purposes of the district

Certification:

I hereby certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

- **School Superintendent or DOPL Representative Signature:**

- **Board Chairman Signature:**

- **Date:**