

**EVALUATING EXISTING BUILDINGS**

The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the adequacy and design of existing district facilities to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program, provide a healthful and pleasing environment for students and staff, and fulfill legal requirements for safety and structural soundness, access for the disabled and energy conservation.

*(cf. 0410 - Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities)*

*(cf. 3511 - Energy and Water Conservation)*

*(cf. 3514 - Environmental Safety)*

*(cf. 7110 - Facilities Master Plan)*

In the event that the Department of General Services or any licensed structural engineer or licensed architect finds and reports to the Governing Board that a district building is unsafe for use, the Superintendent or designee shall immediately obtain an estimate of the cost of repairs or reconstruction necessary to bring the building up to legal standards for structural safety. The Board shall establish a system of priorities for the repair, reconstruction or replacement of unsafe school buildings. (Education Code 17367)

**Energy Efficiency**

When evaluating existing buildings, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the pre-audit and postaudit of school buildings by utility companies or independent energy audit firms to the extent that these services are available. Information provided by these services shall be used to determine the cost of retrofitting the buildings and the savings which may result from adding insulation, making design modifications or using other energy-conserving devices. The district may contract with qualified businesses capable of retrofitting these buildings and may borrow funds which do not exceed the amount of energy savings to be accumulated from the improvement of the buildings. (Education Code 17651-17653)

**Report of Existing Building Capacity**

The district shall submit a one-time report of existing school capacity to the State Allocation Board. The district's, or where appropriate the attendance area's, existing school capacity shall be calculated pursuant to the formulas set forth in Education Code 17071.10-17071.40 and in 2 CCR 1859-1859.106.

*Legal Reference: (see next page)*

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### *Legal Reference:*

#### EDUCATION CODE

*17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998 especially:*

*17071.10-17071.40 Existing school building capacity*

*17280-17316 Building approvals*

*17365-17374 Fitness for occupancy*

*17650-17653 Retrofitting school facilities for energy conservation*

#### GOVERNMENT CODE

*53097 Compliance with city or county ordinances*

*53097.5 Inspection of schools by city or county*

#### CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 2

*1859-1859.106 Regulations relating to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998*

### *Management Resources:*

#### WEB SITES

*Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction: <http://www.dgs.ca.gov/opsc/>*