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The Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the adequacy, design, and conditions of existing district facilities to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program and provide a healthful and pleasing environment for students and staff. He/she also shall determine whether district facilities 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 Management)

(cf. [3514](#) - Environmental Safety)

(cf. [3515](#) - Campus Security)

(cf. [3516](#) - Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness Plan)

(cf. [3517](#) - Facilities Inspection)

In addition, the Superintendent or designee shall regularly calculate the capacity of existing school buildings to adequately house the district's current students and projected enrollments.

Any identified needs for repair, modernization, or construction shall be incorporated into the district's facilities planning process.

(cf. [7110](#) - Facilities Master Plan)

**Structural Safety**

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](#))

A relocatable school building or structure shall meet the requirements of Education Code [17280-17317](#) and [17365-17374](#) pertaining to structural safety. (Education Code [17291](#))

**Energy Efficiency**

To the extent that services are available, the Superintendent or designee shall arrange for the energy audit of school buildings to identify the type and amount of work necessary to retrofit buildings and obtain an estimate of projected energy savings. 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](#))

**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

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[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:

**CSBA PUBLICATIONS**

Maximizing School Board Governance: School Facilities Management

**WEB SITES**

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, School Facilities Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa>

California Energy Commission, Bright Schools

Program: <http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschoools>

Coalition for Adequate School Housing: <http://www.cashnet.org>

Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction:

<http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>

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