



Major Capital School Construction

The School Facilities Team working in conjunction with the State Board of Education is in the process of clarifying language in Chapter 61, State Board of Education, [Rules for Major Capital School Construction Projects](#) and eliminating the redundant language of Chapter 60, [New School Siting Approval](#).

The Team is also in the process of updating their Space Allocation Workbook and their Public School Standards and Guidelines for New School Construction and Major Renovation Projects.

The School Facilities team is continuing to work with the twelve proposed projects that have been placed on the Approved Projects List by the State Board of Education. Some of the projects are just getting started and others are in concept design and finalizing bid documents.

School Leased Space Program

Applications for FY'15 instructional leased space were due September 15, 2014. Approvals have been posted to the leased space website <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/leased/index.html>.

Facilities Inventory

Launch of the NEO Facilities site has been confirmed with OIT. NEO Facilities will open on December 1, 2014. An online training webinar is scheduled for December 4, 2014 from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. The training is free and registration is required. Please watch the November Maine DOE News for an announcement that will include registration details. We recommend that all facilities directors attend the training. The due date for your School Facilities Inventory (SFI) is December 31, 2014. In preparation for the new online report, we recommend that you review file copies of your FY11 School Facilities Inventory before December 1 to determine if changes occurred since 2011 and collect data on new buildings not previously reported. Collecting your information before you sit down to enter data will make the process easier.

Safety

In support of school safety, please file a copy of your annual chemical inventories (lab and non-lab) with your local fire department. Also, report the name of your Integrated Pest Management Coordinator to Kathy Murray at Kathy.murray@maine.gov.

Security

A Maine School Security workshop was presented on September 18 and 19, 2014. The training was free and approximately 200 people attended including superintendents, principals, facilities directors, transportation directors and school resource officers. Many free security resources are available to schools on the Maine DOE school security website at this link: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/security/index.html>. [Title 20-A, Section 1001.16]

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