

Division of School Facilities



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Federal Tax Credit Bonds

The Department will be accepting Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) applications until October 15, 2015. The Department currently has \$1,435,000 of QZAB issuing authority to distribute to qualifying schools units. QZABs can be used for rehabilitation or repair of public schools among other uses. The QZAB application and additional information are available at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/federal/index.html>.

School Revolving Renovation Fund

The Department received 48 SRRF applications totaling approximately \$9.5M in funding requests for the current rating cycle. Applications will now be rated and the Department intends to award SRRF loans in February 2016.

Leased Space Program

Approvals for instructional leased spaced for FY'16 are now posted on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/leased/index.html>.

Facilities

LD 299, An Act to Protect Children in School Facilities by Requiring Boiler Inspections, reestablished the requirement that boilers in schools and boilers owned by municipalities be inspected to ensure their proper performance.

Safety

LD 97, a resolve, directed the Maine DOE to amend Rule Chapter 125: Basic Approval Standards: Public Schools and School Administrative Units in Section 10.02, paragraph A to require lockdown drills as well as emergency evacuation drills, while keeping the total number of required drills unchanged. The Department is currently working on that amendment.

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