



# Division of School Facilities

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## Major Capital School Construction

Since 1964, the Land and Water Conservation Fund has been an active partner with Maine communities in creating playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts, baseball and soccer fields, walking and cycling paths, and many other public recreation projects. There are more than 181 of these projects that have been completed in Maine on public school sites so please be advised before building on or rebuilding these types of recreational spaces. If your school system is planning to build a new school or do site alterations you should verify that the property has not been the recipient of a National Park Service grant for recreational use in the past. If so, it could possibly eliminate the site completely or at best, slow the project down considerably. If concerned, contact Doug Beck, Outdoor Recreation Supervisor, Grants & Community Recreation Program, Bureau of Parks & Land at 287-4962.

## School Revolving Renovation Fund

The Department is accepting SRRF applications for Priority One and Two projects through September 30, 2016. Priority One SRRF projects include structural roof repairs, Americans with Disabilities Act compliance upgrades, indoor air quality improvements, and hazardous material abatement or removal. Priority Two SRRF projects include school building structures, windows and doors, and water and septic systems. Applications and additional information are available here: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/renovation/index.html>.

## Leased Space

Applications for instructional leased space for FY'17 are available on the School Facilities website: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/leased/index.html>. The submission deadline is September 15, 2016.

## Facilities

Athletic Fields and School Grounds – In preparation for the fall school year please consider best management practices (BMPs) for athletic fields and school grounds that were adopted by the Maine Board of Pesticides Control. The BMPs are available at this link: [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated\\_pest\\_management/school/documents/School\\_Grounds\\_BMPs\\_2012.pdf](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated_pest_management/school/documents/School_Grounds_BMPs_2012.pdf).

## Safety

Free safety training is available from Maine Department of Labor Safety Works. This is a good resource for new school staff. Both classroom and online training are available. The training scheduled is located at this link: <http://www.safetyworksmaine.com/>.

## Security

Emergency Operations Plans – In preparation for the new fall school year, districts and schools need to review and update school emergency operations plans (EOPs). Each school board needs to annually approve the plan. Resources are available on the Maine DOE school security website at this link: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/security/index.html>.

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