



# Division of School Facilities

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## Major Capital School Construction

The School Facilities, Safety and Transportation Team welcomes Valerie Chiang and Jim Harford to the newly created School Construction Coordinator positions. These new positions are part of the transition of technical responsibilities on school construction projects that were previously provided by the Bureau of General Services. Both Valerie and Jim have extensive backgrounds in the planning, design, and construction of school buildings both as architects and field representatives.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Beardsley and the State Board of Education are working through the process of adding 4 new projects to the Approved Projects List. Projects #13 Sanford Elementary and #14 South Portland Middle School were placed on the Approved List in August. At the State Board's September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting projects #15 Sullivan High School and #16 Auburn's Edward Little High School were also placed on the Approved Projects List.

Deputy Commissioner Bill Beardsley has also been working with the State Board of Education on developing a timeline for the next round of Major Capital School Construction applications. As currently projected the 2017 -2018 application cycle would have an application submission deadline in the spring of 2017. Look for the timeline and the application on our web site in the coming days.

## 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>.

## Facilities – Integrated Pest Management

School IPM Coordinator – Schools are required to appoint and annually report the name and contact information of their school IPM coordinator in the Department NEO system staff report. Contact the Maine DOE helpdesk if you need assistance with the NEO staff report.  
School IPM Training – Two new brief IPM how-to videos are available. One is about using disinfectants effectively and safely and the other is an IPM series. These are good micro-training sessions for new staff. The videos are located on the Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry School IPM training and events page: [http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated\\_pest\\_management/school/training/index.shtml](http://www.maine.gov/dacf/php/integrated_pest_management/school/training/index.shtml).

## Safety

Playground Resource – The 2010 Public Playground Safety Handbook by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission is a recommended resource for schools. The handbook includes information about common playground materials and new surfacing systems that comply with ASTM standards, the voluntary standard for measuring impact attenuation of surfacing. The handbook is located at this link: <https://www.cpsc.gov/PageFiles/122149/325.pdf>.

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