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Major Capital School Construction

The School Facilities, Safety and Transportation Team welcomes Pam Partridge as Secretary Associate. Pam has worked at the Department since 2000 and we are glad to have her join our team.

Applications for the Major Capital Construction Program 2017-2018 Rating Cycle can be found at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/construction/index.html>. The application deadline is April 14, 2017.

Acting Commissioner, Dr. Robert G. Hasson, has been working with the State Board of Education on developing an application and timeline for the next round of Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility rating process. It is anticipated that the application will be available on the Division's website soon. The provisions and rules for this program can be found in [Chapter 61 Rules For Major Capital School Construction Projects](#).

School Revolving Renovation Fund

The Department received 81 SRRF applications from 24 school units totaling approximately \$24M in funding requests for the current rating cycle. Project ratings and approval amounts are available at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/renovation/index.html> under "Resources".

Leased Space Program

Approvals for instructional leased space for FY'17 are posted on our website at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/leased/index.html>.

Facilities

Roofs – Be alert to the danger posed by heavy snow loads on roofs and recognize warning signs of potential structural weaknesses. Remember to remove snow from roofs.

Water – The Maine Drinking Water Program will cover the cost of lead analysis for up to 10 water samples from a school. See the Maine Center for Disease Control and Prevention's Lead in Drinking Water for Schools & Parents website for details: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/pwsleadInDrinkingWaterSchoolsParents.shtml>.

Safety

Training – Maine Department of Labor Safety Works offers free consulting and training to schools. They offer many classes including Hazard Communication, Global Harmonization and Chemical Substitution, Establishing an Effective Safety committee, School Laboratory Safety (10/16/17) and more. Resources are available at their website: <http://www.safetyworksmaine.gov/>.

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