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Major Capital School Construction

The 2017 – 2018 Major Capital School Construction application is due on April 14, 2017. The application, planning documents, and questions and answers can be found on the Maine Department of Education website at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/construction/index.html>.

Part One of the 2017 – 2018 Integrated, Consolidated 9 - 16 Educational Facility application is due May 1, 2017. Three regional meetings have been held to explain this program and to answer questions. A final regional meeting will be held on March 31, 2017 (10am -Noon) at the Burton Cross Building, Augusta (111 Sewall Street) in Room: 103 A+B on the 1st Floor at the North End. The application, evaluation sheet, and the questions and answers from each regional meeting can be found on the Maine Department of Education website at <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/construction/index.html>.

Maintenance

Drainage – Springtime means increased rain and snow runoff on school grounds which can lead to water issues in basements. How do you keep groundwater and contaminants out of basements? While there are many things that contribute to this issue, one issue can be landscape drainage. Please check your site drainage areas to remove obstructions during springtime maintenance.

Emergency Preparedness

Plans – School emergency operations need to be reviewed and updated annually. Now is the time to begin the process so your plan will be ready before the new school year begins. Contact your local County Emergency Management Agency for assistance.

Facilities

Professional Development – The annual state School Custodial and Maintenance Conference will be held June 28-29, 2017 at the Waterville High School, Waterville, Maine. Pre-registration is required. This is a popular conference so be sure you register early. Details will be posted on the EPMA website: <http://www.epmamaine.com/>

Safety

Chemicals – As the end of the school year is a few months away, it is time to start thinking about your chemical clean out needs. We recommend that you review the Safe Chemical Management in Schools program on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency website at this address: <https://www.epa.gov/schools-chemicals/schools-resources-safe-chemical-management>

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