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Major Capital School Construction

The Administrative Review periods for both the Major Capital School Construction Program and the Integrated, Consolidated 9-16 Educational Facility have now been completed. There were no appeals submitted for either program after the State Board of Education's acceptance of the Proposed Priority Lists at its June 13th meeting. The next step will be for the Commissioner to recommend to the State Board of Education the Final Priority Lists. It is anticipated that will occur at the August 14th Board meeting.

Leased Space

Applications for instructional leased space for FY'19 are available on the School Facilities website: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/facilities/leased/index.html>. The submission deadline is September 17, 2018.

Operations and Maintenance

Energy. Help to control facility energy costs is available in *Guide to Operating and Maintaining EnergySmart Schools* developed by U.S. Department of Energy: https://www1.eere.energy.gov/buildings/publications/pdfs/energysmartschools/ess_o-and-m-guide.pdf.

Safety

Chemical Management. Chemical cleanouts are best conducted while school is out of session. Free resources are available through Maine Department of Labor Safety Works on this website: <http://www.safetyworksmaine.gov/>. A *Toolkit for Safe Chemical Management in K-12 Schools* is available at US Environmental Protection Agency: <https://www.epa.gov/schools-chemicals/toolkit-safe-chemical-management-k-12-schools>.

Security

Emergency Operations Plans. Summer is the time for districts and schools to review and update school emergency operations plans (EOPs) (20-A MRS section 1001.16). Resources are available on the Maine DOE school security website at this link: <http://www.maine.gov/doe/security/index.html>.