

## **New Construction**

### **CONCEPTS AND ROLES**

Providing proper educational facilities is a major responsibility of the Governing Board and the district administration. The design of the school plant, adequacy of space, and flexibility of use should all combine to enhance the instructional program.

Since school construction is costly, and buildings become a permanent part of the community to be used by large numbers of people, great care must be taken to make certain that the facilities will fully support the intended educational and community programs, that they may need to be altered conveniently and inexpensively to meet future educational and community needs, that they provide a healthful environment, and that the styling of the facilities will permit them to fit harmoniously and attractively into the community.

#### **The Governing Board:**

1. Decides what building shall be built, when and where, and what equipment shall be purchased to them.
2. Decides on the additions to building or any major alterations.
3. Selects and purchases school sites for future plant expansion
4. Selects architects and structural engineers for the district building program.

#### **The Superintendent:**

1. Supervises the development of the district's building program in accordance with state law and regulation.
2. Directs the planning of all educational features of new buildings or alterations of old buildings.
3. Maintains overall responsibility for the adequate implementation of the building program in accord with the educational needs of the district.
4. Acts as authorized agent of the district in all official governmental interactions related to the building program.
5. Coordinates the preparation of plans from the developed educational specifications.
6. Oversees the preparation of bids, award of contracts and, in collaboration with the architect, the construction.
7. Coordinates the district facility inspection program by authorized building inspectors.

**CONCEPTS AND ROLES (continued)**

Legal Reference:

**EDUCATION CODE**

17210-17224 General provision (school sites)

17260-17268 Plans of schoolhouses

17280-17317 Approval of plans and supervision of construction

17340-17343 Building of schoolhouses

17350-17360 Factory-built school buildings

17365-17374 Fitness of buildings for occupancy, liability of board members

17400-17429 Leasing of school buildings

**CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5**

14000 Policy declaration

14001 Minimum standards

14010 Procedure for site acquisition

14030 Preliminary procedure, planning and approval of school facilities

14031-14032 Submissions to bureau of site facilities planning; approval