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DETERMINING NEEDS

The Superintendent or designee shall maintain planning procedures for school facilities. These procedures shall serve as the basis for determining facility needs that will enhance the district's educational program. Accordingly, criteria for determining these needs shall reflect the goals and objectives of the district facilities master plan.

The Superintendent or designee shall draw upon all necessary resources to assure that proposed district facilities meet the educational needs of the students and conform to all planning requirements imposed by state and local governmental agencies. These resources shall include district staff, educational consultants, architectural and engineering firms, utility companies, local governmental and planning agencies, the County Office of Education, the State Department of Education and the Office of the State Architect.

To assure a comprehensive approach to projecting and planning needs, the following elements shall be considered in planning school facilities:

1. The expanding and changing educational program of the district including the number and grade levels of children to be served and their specific educational needs.
2. The impact of proposed facilities on the community and considerations regarding community use of the facilities.
3. Safety and welfare of students.
4. The relationship between existing and new facilities.
5. Community planning and zoning requirements.
6. Other site specific information which provides guidance in the planning of facilities.
7. Forecasted enrollments and demographic factors.
8. A financing plan.

Legal Reference: (See next page)

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DETERMINING NEEDS (continued)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35275 New school planning and design (re cooperative relations with recreation and park authorities)

39110-39116 Plans of schoolhouses

39148 Persons qualified for the preparation of plans, specifications, and estimates and the supervision of construction

39150 Approval in writing from Department of General Services (construction or alteration of school facilities)

39158 Requirement for SDE approval

39159 Contract provision required making plans etc. property of district

39210-39230 Fitness for occupancy

CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 5

14030(c) Prepare educational specifications

14031 Submission to bureau of school facilities planning

14032 Plan approval

14033 Planning guides "The Guide for Planning Educational Facilities"