

# School Facilities Commission

## Mission and philosophy

The School Facilities Commission will provide an avenue for adequate educational facilities for all children in the State of Wyoming. The Commission oversees all aspects of construction for school facilities per W.S. 21-15-108, 21-15-109 and 21-15-111 through 21-15-121.

The School Facilities Commission assists districts with the management of school facilities throughout the State of Wyoming. It is the Commission's policy to treat each district equal under the law. The School Facilities Commission believes that we also have a responsibility to the citizens and taxpayers of the State of Wyoming to build and maintain appropriate school facilities. The School Facilities Commission has an open door to all and we pledge to the people of Wyoming that we will conduct ourselves with the highest standards of ethics and accountability.

## Results of outcomes

Buildings in all 48 districts have been reviewed by School Facilities Commission staff and consultants during the summer months of 2003 and 2004.

Budgets were developed to maintain, repair and in some cases replace schools in all 48 districts. To accomplish this goal the 2004 Legislature appropriated \$293,999,412. As a result all critical and immediate needs schools are being addressed.

Five Year Plans, prioritizing building needs for every school district in the state, were approved for all 48 school districts in 2003. All 48 districts have submitted their Five Year Plans for 2004. The staff and commission are in the process of reviewing and approving all 2004 plans.

The Five Year plan process involves highly qualified consultants, providing expertise to the districts assisting them with necessary facility improvements.

Permanent rules, regulations and guidelines were adopted in December of 2003 and September of 2004. Staff continues to work with the districts one-on-one with the application of these rules and guidelines.

A commission staff liaison as well as a contract specialist meets with each district to conduct value engineering, safety and security review, compliance with prototypical models and energy efficiency for each capital construction project

Major Maintenance funds are distributed to the districts in March and September of each year. Staff is working on assuring the districts major maintenance expenditures are in compliance with state statutes.

### General information

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### Year established

Established July 1, 2002

### Statutory references

W.S. 21-15-108, 21-15-109, 21-15-111 through 21-15-121

### Number of authorized personnel

12

### Clients served

48 Wyoming School Districts

### Budget information

Operating Funds .....	\$5,544,204
Emergency Use.....	\$1,000,000
Major Capital Construction.....	\$275,621,292
Minor Construction .....	\$18,378,120
Major Maintenance.....	\$71,800,000
2003 School Projects .....	\$39,092,947

### Agency to which your group reports

School Facilities Commission

### Number of members

Seven (7) members comprised of the state superintendent of public instruction and six (6) members who are Wyoming residents appointed as follows: One (1) member of the state board of education; three (3) members having knowledge and experience in the following areas: building and facility engineering, construction and operations; building design and specification; estimating, bidding and building construction (each appointed by the Governor); two (2) member having knowledge and experience in school facilities planning and management and the state educational program for public schools as required by law (each appointed by the state superintendent of public instruction)

### Meeting frequency

The Commission is required to meet not less than quarterly.

## **Strategic plan changes**

- ◆ Review buildings to ensure adequate education can be met.
- ◆ Assist districts in providing appropriately designed educational facilities.
- ◆ Assist district in developing a Five Year Plan and annual updates.
- ◆ Assist the districts in necessary facility improvements.
- ◆ Distribute funding and monitor districts annual major maintenance projects.

# School Facilities Commission organization chart

