

WORK SESSION – REMAINING RECOMMENDATIONS:

These are the remaining recommendations from the February and May SAGE Commission meetings submitted on behalf of the Guinn Center and witnesses that the Commission have not had a chance to address yet.

<i>GUINN CENTER SAGE recommendations not yet discussed or approved by Commission</i>	<i>STATUS & NOTES</i>
<p>1. Identify new sources of revenues to support the construction and/or maintenance of school facilities</p> <p>a. The SAGE Commission could consider recommending that the Legislature earmark a portion of the State’s Rainy Day Account for K-12 school facilities construction and maintenance</p>	<p>a) Commissioners have not addressed this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p>
<p>2. Assess the benefit of expanding the role of the State in developing design guidelines and standards</p> <p>a. The SAGE Commission may want to consider whether there is a financial benefit from having the State expand its role in the development of design guidelines and standards.</p> <p>b. The SAGE Commission could recommend that the Legislature require the State to develop cost guidelines for architecture/engineering fees for school facilities projects to standardize expectations and control costs.</p>	<p>a) Commissioners have not addressed this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p> <p>b) Commissioners have not addressed this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p>
<p>2. Assess the impact of labor costs on construction costs</p> <p>❖ The SAGE Commission could consider recommending that the Legislature collect data and compare construction costs between charter schools and school districts, taking into account differences in construction methods and quality of materials</p>	<p>❖ Commissioners have not address this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p>
<p>3. Improve financing options available to school districts</p> <p>❖ The SAGE Commission may want to consider recommending that the Legislature review the value and/or need of the Permanent School Fund to determine whether the cap can or should be increased in statute</p>	<p>a) Commissioners have not address this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p>
<p>4. Consider new options for charter school facilities funding</p> <p>a. The SAGE Commission may want to consider recommending that the Legislature require school districts to set aside a proportionate share of any new bond proceeds for charter schools located within the district, regardless of whether the school is sponsored by the district.</p> <p>b. The SAGE Commission may want to recommend that the Legislature consider providing Class Size Reduction funds to charter schools</p> <p>c. The SAGE Commission should explore ways to standardize, centralize and ease the permitting process for individual charter schools.</p>	<p>a) Commissioners have not address this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p> <p>b) Commissioners have not address this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p> <p>c) Commissioners have not address this rec. from the Guinn Center report</p>

Additional Guinn Center recommendations not yet addressed:

- **Consider whether the State should expand its role in the issue of the construction and maintenance of school facilities:** Specifically, the SAGE Commission should consider whether greater State involvement is warranted in the areas of financing, technical assistance, and the development of criteria and guidelines in the construction, maintenance, and safety of school facilities.
- **Consider having the State establish uniform criteria for assessing the condition of facilities and prioritizing facility’s needs:** The SAGE Commission should explore whether there might be a benefit to having the State coordinate with the districts and develop uniform criteria for what good repair, life cycles, and prioritization of needs means, and build on existing criteria where possible. The SAGE Commission should consider also asking the Legislature to conduct a statewide assessment using the same criteria across all districts

Witness recommendations not yet addressed by SAGE Commission

As part of the process of gathering feedback, recommendations from a diverse group of witnesses (e.g., AFL-CIO, Independent contractors, developers) with insight on capital construction and maintenance costs are synthesized below.

With regard to capital construction and maintenance costs, the witnesses recommend:

<i>WITNESS recommendations not yet discussed or approved by Commission</i>	<i>STATUS & NOTES</i>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislature should require a periodic external operational audit of policies, practices and procedures of the construction services and maintenance functions at the district including: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluate a single labor rate versus multiple labor rates. Evaluate “low bid” versus “most responsible” bid. Consider the feasibility of bidding multiple school projects in one package. Consider developing “flex space” for projected future growth. Consider which method for equipment maintenance has the best return on investment. Determine the optimal estimated useful life of a school. Consider including contractors in the development process. 	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislature should require that districts have more input on the size of the parcel and the location of where a school is physically located on parcels that are designated by a developer for a school. 	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislature should require a higher percentage of apprenticeships on construction of schools. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Districts should consider developing programs that result in technical certifications in areas that benefit workforce development including technology, the trades, and other vocations. 	TBD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Legislature should develop a plan to reduce the \$4 billion shortfall over the next 10 years between the cost of needed facilities and current sources of funds. 	TBD