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According to 22-43.7-111 C.R.S.:

No later than February 15, 2010, and no later than each February 15 thereafter, the board shall present a written report to the education and finance committees of the house of representatives and the senate, or any successor committees, regarding the provision of financial assistance to applicants pursuant 22-43.7-101. The report shall include, at a minimum:

- Appendix A: An accounting of the financial assistance provided through the prior fiscal year that includes: a statement of the aggregate amount of financial assistance awarded through the prior fiscal year, including statements of the amount of grants provided, and the amount of payments made and payments committed to be made but not yet made in connection with lease-purchase agreements
- Appendix B: An accounting of the financial assistance provided through the prior fiscal year that includes: a statement of the aggregate amount of financial assistance provided as grants and the aggregate amount of payments made in connection with lease-purchase agreements during the prior fiscal year
- Appendix C: An accounting of the financial assistance provided through the prior fiscal year that includes: a list of the public school facility capital construction projects for which financial assistance has been provided, including a brief description of each project, a statement of the amount and type of financial assistance provided for each project and, where applicable, the amount of financial assistance committed to be provided for but not yet provided for each project, a statement of the amount of matching moneys provided by the applicant for each project and, where applicable, the amount of matching moneys committed to be provided by the applicant but not yet provided for each project,

- and a summary of the reasons of the board and the state board for providing financial assistance for the project
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- Appendix E: A summary of the findings and conclusions of any public school facility inspections conducted during the prior fiscal year
- Appendix F: A summary of any differences between the common physical design elements and characteristics of the highest performing schools in the state and the lowest performing schools in the state as measured by academic productivity measures such as the Colorado student assessment program created in part 4 of article 7 of this title or Colorado ACT results
- Appendix G: A list of the financial assistance applications for public school facility capital construction that were denied financial assistance during the prior fiscal year that includes for each project:
 - A brief project description
 - A statement of the amount and type of financial assistance requested for the project
 - A statement indicating whether or not the board
 Recommended a financial assistance award for the project
 - A summary of the reasons why the board or the state board denied financial assistance for the project
- Appendix H: Additionally, the Division and the board timeline from program inception to end of year 2009 are provided.

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BEST Grant			Total Award &		Grant Payments	COP Payments			Total
Award		District Matching	Matching	Total Amount	Made as of	Committed as of	Total Projects	Total Districts	Projects
Summary	Award Amount	Contribution	Contribution	Financed	6/30/09	6/30/09	Funded	Funded	applied
FY0809	\$ 85,263,659.17	\$ 22,936,628.63	\$ 108,200,287.80	\$ 87,145,000.00	\$ 2,017,907.99	\$ 87,145,000.00	13.00	13.00	76

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Appendix B: An accounting of the financial assistance provided through the prior fiscal year that includes: a statement of the aggregate amount of financial assistance provided as grants and the aggregate amount of payments made in connection with lease-purchase agreements during the prior fiscal year

BEST Grant	Projects FY0809	Total Projects FY0809= 13						
					DIS	TRICT MATCHING	TOTAL AWARD & MATCHING	PAYMENTS MADE AS
COUNTY	DISTRICT	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	ΑW	ARD AMOUNT	(CONTRIBUTION	CONTRIBUTION	OF 2/15/10
ALAMOSA	ALAMOSA RE-11J	2 New Elementary Schools to Replace 3 Elementary Schools (CASH START UP GRANT DUPLICATED IN COP GRANT)	\$	1,555,346.00	\$	-	\$ 1,555,346.00	\$ 701,380.77
ALAMOSA	SANGRE DE CRISTO RE-22J	New PK-12 School (CASH START UP GRANT DUPLICATED IN COP GRANT)	\$	1,593,500.00	\$	=	\$ 1,593,500.00	\$ 149,452.99
COSTILLA	CENTENNIAL R-1	New PK-12 School (Supplemental Grant)	\$	6,166,320.00	\$	-	\$ 6,166,320.00	\$ -
EL PASO	EDISON 54 JT	New ES Supplemental	\$	189,240.30	\$	21,026.70	\$ 210,267.00	\$ 112,326.94
LAS ANIMAS	HOEHNE 3	Wastewater treatment plant	\$	573,178.50	\$	152,363.90	\$ 725,542.40	\$ 354,691.67
LOGAN	BUFFALO RE-4	Junior/Senior High Renovation/Addition - Supplemental Project	\$	3,922,517.16	\$	364,386.84	\$ 4,286,904.00	\$ 2,421,284.89
MONTEZUMA	DOLORES RE-4A	District IAQ/Infrastructure Improvement Project	\$	244,842.58	\$	775,334.82	\$ 1,020,177.40	\$ 916,200.86
MORGAN	WELDON VALLEY RE-20(J)	Core Area Remodel, P.E. and Athletic Facilities Upgrade - Supplemental Project	\$	1,406,234.30	\$	1,035,144.70	\$ 2,441,379.00	\$ 1,355,587.10
PROWERS	HOLLY RE-3	Partial Roof Replacement (Supplemental)	\$	28,866.60	\$	12,371.40	\$ 41,238.00	\$ 37,488.10
PUEBLO	PUEBLO CITY 60	Supplemental Final Phase to Districtwide Fire and Security	\$	1,497,031.90	\$	264,182.10	\$ 1,761,214.00	\$ 1,276,905.30
RIO GRANDE	SARGENT RE-33J	New Jr/Sr HS and ES Renovation (CASH START UP GRANT DUPLICATED IN COP GRANT)	\$	1,063,200.00	\$	-	\$ 1,063,200.00	\$ 615,868.21
ROUTT	SOUTH ROUTT RE 3	Supplemental to Districtwide HVAC Replacement with Renewable Technology	\$	562,150.00	\$	562,150.00	\$ 1,124,300.00	\$ 1,124,300.00
SAGUACHE	MOUNTAIN VALLEY RE 1	Roofing and Repair Under Designed Structure (Supplemental)	\$	106,764.00	\$	65,436.00	\$ 172,200.00	\$ 102,823.06
ALAMOSA	ALAMOSA RE-11J	2 New Elementary Schools to Replace 3 Elementary Schools	\$	28,948,622.78	\$	10,484,032.22	\$ 39,432,655.00	\$ 7,080,832.58
ALAMOSA	SANGRE DE CRISTO RE-22J	New PK-12 School	\$	19,732,875.00	\$	4,176,375.00	\$ 23,909,250.00	\$ 729,154.41
RIO GRANDE	SARGENT RE-33J	New Jr/Sr HS and ES Renovation	\$	17,672,970.05	\$	5,023,824.95	\$ 22,696,795.00	\$ 4,737,235.03
		COP Awards	\$	66,354,467.83	\$	19,684,232.17	\$ 86,038,700.00	\$ 12,547,222.02
		CASH Grant Awards	\$	18,909,191.34	\$	3,252,396.46	\$ 22,161,587.80	\$ 9,168,309.89
		Total COP and Cash Grant Awards	\$	85,263,659.17	\$	22,936,628.63	\$ 108,200,287.80	\$ 21,715,531.91

Denotes BEST Lease-Purchase Project

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FY0809 awarded BEST grant projects were selected by The Board and The State Board due to their project ranking relative to 22-43.7-109(5) C.R.S, their completeness of scope and project cost.

BEST FY0809 Grant Projects

<u>Alamosa School District RE-11J / Two New Elementary Schools (New Project)</u>

Alamosa RE-11J has proposed a project that replaces three elementary schools with significant maintenance, health and safety needs with two new elementary schools on a single campus to serve the 977 elementary students in grades K–5. One will be a K–2 Elementary School building, and the other will be a 3–5 Elementary School building. Alamosa RE-11J has proposed that the new campus be located in a separate location from the 3 current schools. The community passed a bond in November of 2008 to support the project.

This project has been financed in connection with Lease-Purchase agreements as follows: Grant \$27,501,592; District Contribution \$10,484,032 / 28%

Sangre de Cristo Re-22J / New PK-12 School (New Project)

Sangre de Cristo Re-22J currently has two campuses. The Elementary School is located in Hooper and the Secondary School is located in Mosca. The facilities at both campuses are need of major renovation to correct health, safety and security issues. The educational suitability at both campuses does not meet the districts programs and goals. This project would consolidate the two campuses into one centrally located PK-12 school. The community passed a bond in November 2008 for the matching funds to support the project.

This project has been financed in connection with Lease-Purchase agreements as follows: Grant \$18,398,625; District Contribution \$4,176,375 / 19%

Centennial R-1 / New PK-12 School (Supplemental)

All of Centennial R-1's existing facilities are in poor condition with numerous health, safety, and security deficiencies. In 2007 CDE awarded the district a \$5

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million grant from the previous capital construction grant program and the community passed a \$7 million bond to support a new PK-12 campus project with matching funds. Once the project went into design and bidding it was determined that \$12 million wasn't enough to provide a high quality, high performing, 21st century school facility. The department worked closely with the design team, contractor, and school district develop a scope and budget for this grant application for supplemental funds.

This project has been awarded BEST Cash funding as follows: Grant \$6,166,320

Edison 54JT / New Elementary School (Supplemental)

Edison 54JT has been operating in a 1922 overcrowded PK-12 school facility. In 2007 the district was awarded a grant from the previous capital construction grant program to build a new elementary school and the community passed a bond to support the project with matching funds. The facility was completed and occupied in January of this year. Once the project was designed and bid it was determined that there wasn't enough funding and some key components were eliminated. In addition the state fire marshal required that the facility be fire-sprinkled which created significant additional cost. This grant application for supplemental funds is to provide enough funding to make the new school a high quality, high performing, 21st century school and make up the shortage of funding created by the fire sprinkler issue.

This project has been awarded BEST Cash funding as follows: Grant \$189,240; District Contribution \$21,027 / 10%

Buffalo RE-4 / Jr/Sr High School Renovation (Supplemental)

The district has proposed a High School renovation project including code, safety, energy upgrades, 2 additional classrooms, and a performance classroom. This is the second phase of a 2-phase project that began with a new elementary school that has recently been completed and was funded with a grant from the previous capital construction grant program and bond proceeds from a 2007 bond election.

This project has been awarded BEST Cash funding as follows: Grant \$3,922,517; District Contribution \$364,387 / 8.5%

Weldon Valley RE-20(J) / Core Area Renovation (Supplemental)

The current project is the 3rd phase of a 3-phase project. The first 2 phases including a new Jr/Sr High School and new Elementary School have been completed. The current proposed project includes a renovation of the core area of the school which includes an early 1900 building with administration and the gym and kitchen/cafeteria.

This project has been awarded BEST Cash funding as follows:

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Grant \$1,406,234; District Contribution \$1,035,145 / 42%

Holly RE-3 / Partial Roof Replacement (Supplemental)

The current project is a supplemental project to a previous roofing project which had insufficient funds to complete the gutters and downspouts. The lack of gutters and downspouts has caused damage to the building masonry and subsequent water leakage into the building. The additional gutters will help to divert the water so that it does not run along the building masonry.

This project has been awarded BEST Cash funding as follows: Grant \$28,867; District Contribution \$12.371 / 30%

Pueblo 60 / Districtwide Fire Safety and Security Upgrades (Supplemental)

This is the final phase of a 5-phase upgrade to fire alarm, fire sprinkler and security infrastructure in multiple schools throughout the district. This project would provide the devices and equipment to complete the project. The wiring and renovation has been completed in previous phases.

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Sargent Re-33J / New High School (New Project)

The district proposes to replace their existing high school which has many health, safety and security problems with a new high quality, high performing, 21st century High School. The project also includes some renovation in the Elementary School and a gym. The community passed a bond in 2008 to support the project with matching funds.

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<u>South Routt Re 3 / Districtwide Coal Burning Boiler Replacement (Supplemental)</u>

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Appendix E: A summary of the findings and conclusions of any public school facility inspections conducted during the prior fiscal year

Pursuant to 22-43.7-105(2) C.RS., the Division is to provide technical assistance to potential applicants in various areas. The Division staff has visited, in the last fiscal year, the following districts, charter schools, BOCES and the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind to provide technical assistance in the form of becoming familiar with facilities, identifying critical capital construction needs, BEST grant application assistance, scope identification, Request for Proposal assistance and other areas of opportunity for facility improvement:

Academy 20
Adams-Arapahoe 28J
Arriba-Flagler C-20
Aspen Community School
Big Sandy 100J
Briggsdale RE-10
Brighton 27J
Buena Vista R-31
Buffalo RE-4
Calhan RJ-1
Campo RE-5
Canyon City RE-1
Carbondale Community
Academy

Center 26 JT Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind

Colorado Springs D-11 Corridor Academy Cotopaxi RE-3

Crestone Charter School

De Beque 49JT Deer Trail 26J Delta County 50(J)

Dolores County RE No. 2 Dolores RE-4A

Douglas County RE-1 Durango RE-9

Eagle County Charter

Academy
East Otero R-1
Edison 54JT
Elbert 200
Elizabeth C-1
Ellicott 22
Englewood 1
Falcon 49

Fort Morgan RE-3

Fountain 8

Fremont RE-2

Frontier Charter Academy
Ft. Lupton RE-8
Garfield 16
Garfield RE-2
Genoa-Hugo C113
Granada RE-1
Hi-Plains R-23
Hoehne 3
Holly RE-3
Holyoke RE-1J
Huerfano RE-1
Idalia RJ-3
Ignacio 11-JT
Julesburg RE-1
Karval RE-23

Kim Reorganized 88 Kit Carson R-1

La Veta RE-2 Lake County R-1 Las Animas RE-1 Lewis- Palmer 38 Limon RE-4J

Littleton 6 Lonestar 101 Mancos RE-6 Manitou Springs 14 Manzanola 3J Mapleton 1

Marble Charter School

McClave RE-2 Miami Yoder 60 JT Monte Vista C-8

Montezuma-Cortez RE-1 Montrose County RE-1J Monument Academy North Coneios RE-1J

North Park R-1

North Routt Community

Charter School Norwood R-2J Otis R-3 Ouray R-1

Park County RE-2 Peyton 23JT

Pikes Peak BOCES Plainview RE-2 Plateau RE-5 Platte Valley RE-3

Primero 2 Pritchett RE-3 Pueblo Rural 70

Rocky Mountain Academy

of Evergreen

Rocky Mountain Deaf

School

Ross Montessori School

Salida R-32 Sanford 6J

Sangre de Cristo RE-22J

Sargent RE-22J Sheridan 2

Sierra Grande R-30

Silverton 1

South Conejos RE-10 St. Vrain RE-1J Strasburg 31J Swink 33 Trinidad 1 Vilas RE-5

Weldon Valley RE-20(J)

West End RE-2 Westminster 50 Wiggins RE-50(J) Wiley RE-13JT Woodlin R-104

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Additionally, pursuant to 22-43.7-108 C.R.S.:

- The Capital Construction Assistance Board (CCAB), with the assistance of the Public School Capital Construction Assistance Division (Division), is required to conduct an assessment of Colorado's public school facilities;
- The assessment data is to be used by the CCAB in assessing and prioritizing public school capital construction needs throughout the state, reviewing applications for financial assistance, and making recommendations to the State Board regarding appropriate allocation of awards of financial assistance from the Assistance Fund to applicants;
- Public school facilities shall be assessed based on:
 - The condition of the facility;
 - Air and water quality;
 - Ability to accommodate educational technology;
 - Site.
- Additionally, the assessment shall:
 - Address demographics;
 - Include 5-year projections regarding the findings;
 - Establish a database to store the collected data.
- The assessment data shall be made available to the public.
- In February 2009, the Division contracted with Parsons Commercial Technology Group (Parsons) to conduct the assessment.
- In late December 2009, Parsons completed the field work and had:
 - o Assessed approximately 130 million square feet of public school facilities;
 - Assessed approximately 5,500 buildings;
 - Evaluated over 215 items in each classroom building.
- During January and February 2010 the Division has been working closely with Parsons to:
 - Check the data for completeness;
 - Check the data for accuracy;
 - Complete the creation of the database software;
 - Draft a final statewide summary report.

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- The methodology used for the assessment is as follows:
 - Parsons deployed 5 types of teams:
 - Advance Team-collected information at the administration office that could be collected without going out into individual buildings. For example:
 - Inventory of facilities;
 - Blueprints to use for code compliance assessment;
 - Utility bills for energy performance evaluation of buildings;
 - Contact information.
 - 2 Facility Condition Team-visited each building to assess the condition of the facilities;
 - 3 Educational Suitability Team-visited each building to assess the ability of facilities to deliver the educational programs being provided and the technology;
 - 4 Code Compliance Team-identified code issues;
 - 5 Energy Team-evaluated energy performance of facilities.
 - Parsons used a "time-based" parametric method instead of a "failure based" method:
 - Failure Based assessments look at the condition of every detail in every facility. This is very expensive and time consuming;
 - Time-Based look at systems and their age and condition. Then the age and condition is compared to models of similar buildings to determine the remaining life and predict when they will need to be replaced and the cost of replacement.
 - Time-Based assessment is state-of-the-art methodology and has been tested in recent years by large federal agencies such as the US Navy and NASA, as well as other state departments of education and large school districts. The results have been found to be reliable and this type of assessment is more economical.
 - The database, called SchoolHouse, contains over 70 gigabites of data:
 - Evaluation of over 215 criteria in classroom buildings;
 - Repair budgets for deficiencies;
 - Combined scores for each building made up of;
 - A condition score;
 - An educational suitability score;
 - Energy score.
 - Aggregate repair cost for each building;
 - Replacement cost for each building;

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- Facility Condition Index (FCI)-this is a comparison index of the cost to repair vs cost to replace;
- Photos;
- Maps.

Next steps:

- Complete QC of data;
- Complete software development of SchoolHouse;
- Complete a statewide public school assessment report;
- Establish a public facility assessment website;
- Continue to update the database;
 - Facilities continue to change. Since the field visits there are facilities that have been torn down and replaced, renovated, had systems replaced, changed programming, etc.
 - The updating will be ongoing.

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Appendix F: A summary of any differences between the common physical design elements and characteristics of the highest performing schools in the state and the lowest performing schools in the state as measured by academic productivity measures such as the Colorado student assessment program created in part 4 of article 7 of this title or Colorado ACT results

Definitions of factors used in determining this statutory requirement:

2008 SAR RATING: Each school in the State received a rating of "Excellent", "High", "Average", "Low", or "Unsatisfactory" for student academic performance based on 2007-2008 CSAP and COACT results. The rating is calculated using weighted percentages of each CSAP proficiency level for all content area and grade results for the school, as well as average COACT Reading, Writing, and Math Grade 11 results.

More information about the Overall Academic Performance rating and Academic Growth of Students calculations can be found here: http://www.cde.state.co.us/cdeassess/SAR Info.html.

Assessment Score for Healthy Occupants - Is the school healthy for its occupants? The score can be 1 to 5, 1 being the most unhealthy. The question is comprised of the average scores of: Does the system provide fresh air as recommended in the capital construction guidelines and as required by code; What is the air quality for carbon monoxide in boiler rooms or at air supply ducts; What are the lighting levels; How does the water test at one location in each school for lead and copper; Are hazardous materials safely managed; Are the school facilities including kitchens maintained in a clean and sanitary manner as required by Colorado Health Codes; Does the school have daylight with views in all learning areas; Does the school have acoustical materials to reduce ambient noise levels and minimize transfer of noise between classrooms, corridors and other learning areas?

Assessment Scoring Rubric:

1=There are observable or anecdotal data available regarding indoor air quality, building and finish materials, thermal comfort and control, lighting quality, acoustics, and ergonomic design to infer that the overall school environments may be unhealthy for its occupants.

2=There are observable or anecdotal data available regarding indoor air quality, building and finish materials, thermal comfort and control, lighting quality, acoustics, and ergonomic design to infer that some or all of the school's environments are negatively affected and may be generally unhealthy for its occupants.

3=There are observable or anecdotal data available regarding indoor air quality, building and finish materials, thermal comfort and control, lighting quality, acoustics, and ergonomic design to infer that some of the school's environments are negatively affected but may be generally healthy for its occupants.

4=There are observable or anecdotal data available regarding indoor air quality, building and finish materials, thermal comfort and control, lighting quality, acoustics, and ergonomic design to infer that the overall school environments are generally healthy for its occupants.

5=There are observable or anecdotal data available regarding indoor air quality, building and finish materials, thermal comfort and control, lighting quality, acoustics, and ergonomic design to infer that the overall school environments are healthy for its occupants.

Summary of Findings							
SAR Rating	Average Assessment Score	Average Year Built	Median Assessment School	Median Year Built			
Excellent Rated Schools	4.58	1979	5	1981			
Unsatisfactory Rated Schools	4.42	1961	5	1952			

District Name	School Name	2008 SAR Rating	Year Built	Assessment Score for Healthy Occupants
Cheyenne Mountain 12	The Vanguard School	Excellent	2008	5
Jefferson County R-1	D'Evelyn Junior/Senior High School	Excellent	2001	5
Cherry Creek 5	Challenge School	Excellent	2002	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Summit Middle Charter School	Excellent	1966	4
Poudre R-1	Ridgeview Classical Charter Schools	Excellent	2004	4
Cheyenne Mountain 12	Cheyenne Mountain Charter Academy	Excellent	1960	4
Jefferson County R-1	Dennison Elementary School	Excellent	1958	4
Poudre R-1	Liberty Common Charter School	Excellent	1997	4
Pueblo County Rural 70	The Connect Charter School	Excellent	1993	3
Cheyenne Mountain 12	Cheyenne Mountain Elementary School	Excellent	1985	4
Adams-Arapahoe 28j	Aurora Quest Academy	Excellent	2008	5
Douglas County Re 1	American Academy At Castle Pines Charter	Excellent	2009	5
Littleton 6	Littleton Academy	Excellent	1989	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Peak To Peak Charter School	Excellent	2002	5
Academy 20	The Classical Academy High School	Excellent	2001	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Bear Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1970	4
Denver County 1	Polaris At Ebert Elementary School	Excellent	1924	4
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Stargate Charter School	Excellent	2002	5
Cherry Creek 5	Cherry Creek High School	Excellent	1955	5
Cheyenne Mountain 12	Cheyenne Mountain High School	Excellent	1961	4
Douglas County Re 1	Platte River Charter Academy	Excellent	2004	5

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Denver County 1	Denver School Of The Arts	Excellent	2003	5
Plateau Re-5	Peetz Junior-Senior High School	Excellent	1945	4
Hinsdale County Re 1	Lake City Community School	Excellent	1986	4
Poudre R-1	Traut Core Elementary School	Excellent	1998	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Jamestown Elementary School	Excellent	1954	5
Plainview Re-2	Plainview Junior-Senior High School	Excellent	1962	5
Colorado Springs 11	Chipeta Elementary School	Excellent	1987	4
Douglas County Re 1	Northridge Elementary School	Excellent	1982	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	High Peaks Elementary School	Excellent	1963	5
•	Southern Hills Middle School			
Boulder Valley Re 2		Excellent	1963	4
Jefferson County R-1	Bradford Intermediate School	Excellent	1994	5
Jefferson County R-1	Excel Academy Charter School	Excellent	2004	5
Poudre R-1	Livermore Elementary School	Excellent	1953	4
Cherry Creek 5	Cherry Hills Village Elementary School	Excellent	1983	5
Lewis-Palmer 38	Monument Charter Academy	Excellent	2008	5
Clear Creek Re-1	King-Murphy Elementary School	Excellent	1982	5
Academy 20	Air Academy High School	Excellent	1959	4
Jefferson County R-1	Manning Options School	Excellent	1958	5
Denver County 1	Slavens K-8 School	Excellent	1956	4
Adams 12 Five Star Schools	Hulstrom Elementary School	Excellent	1965	5
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Denver County 1	Bromwell Elementary School	Excellent	1975	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Douglass Elementary School	Excellent	1952	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Nevin Platt Middle School	Excellent	1958	3
Denver County 1	Steck Elementary School	Excellent	1930	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Eldorado K-8 Elementary School	Excellent	2000	5
St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Altona Middle School	Excellent	2005	5
Douglas County Re 1	Core Knowledge Charter School	Excellent	2000	4
Cherry Creek 5	Cottonwood Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1976	5
Cherry Creek 5	Greenwood Elementary School	Excellent	1958	5
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Littleton 6	Lois Lenski Elementary School	Excellent	1979	
Cherry Creek 5	Coyote Hills Elementary School	Excellent	2006	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Horizons K-8 School	Excellent	1959	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Fairview High School	Excellent	1971	4
Harrison 2	James Irwin Charter High School	Excellent	1992	4
Littleton 6	Wilder Elementary School	Excellent	1974	5
Jefferson County R-1	Bear Creek K-8 School	Excellent	2007	5
Cherry Creek 5	Cherry Creek Charter Academy	Excellent	1968	4
Jefferson County R-1	Bergen Valley Intermediate School	Excellent	1997	5
Cherry Creek 5	Campus Middle School	Excellent	1971	4
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Douglas County Re 1	Pine Grove Elementary School	Excellent	1995	4
Pueblo City 60	Goodnight Elementary School	Excellent	1955	5
St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Niwot High School	Excellent	1977	4
Summit Re-1	Summit Cove Elementary School	Excellent	1996	5
Poudre R-1	Zach Elementary School	Excellent	2002	5
Colorado Springs 11	Howbert Elementary School	Excellent	1959	4
Poudre R-1	Kinard Junior High School	Excellent	2006	5
Jefferson County R-1	Normandy Elementary School	Excellent	1970	5
Academy 20	Academy International Elementary School	Excellent	1998	5
Cherry Creek 5	West Middle School	Excellent	1966	5
Cherry Creek 5	Homestead Elementary School	Excellent	1977	5
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Cherry Creek 5	Belleview Elementary School	Excellent	1954	5
Englewood 1	Englewood Leadership Academy	Excellent	1951	4
Douglas County Re 1	Stone Mountain Elementary	Excellent	2008	4
Jefferson County R-1	Ralston Elementary School	Excellent	1955	5
Cherry Creek 5	Willow Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1977	5
Eads Re-1	Eads Elementary School	Excellent	1938	5
Aspen 1	Aspen High School	Excellent	2002	5
Aspen 1	Aspen Community Charter School	Excellent	1970	4
Charter School Institute	Stone Creek Elementary	Excellent	2005	5
Jefferson County R-1	Conifer Senior High School	Excellent	1960	5
•	Marble Charter School	Excellent		
Gunnison Watershed Re1j			1910	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Foothill Elementary School	Excellent	1949	5
Jefferson County R-1	Ralston Valley Senior High School	Excellent	2001	5
Poudre R-1	Dunn Elementary School	Excellent	1949	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Superior Elementary School	Excellent	1996	4
Telluride R-1	Telluride High School	Excellent	1996	4
Poudre R-1	Werner Elementary School	Excellent	1987	5
Lewis-Palmer 38	Creekside Middle School	Excellent	2001	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Mesa Elementary School	Excellent	1966	4
Jefferson County R-1	Parmalee Elementary School	Excellent	1963	5
Jefferson County R-1	Bradford Primary School	Excellent	1990	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Monarch High School	Excellent	1998	4 5
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(Colorado Springs 11	Stratton Elementary School	Excellent	1953	4
-	Douglas County Re 1	Bear Canyon Elementary School	Excellent	1990	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Evergreen High School	Excellent	1954	5
(Cheyenne Mountain 12	Gold Camp Elementary School	Excellent	1997	4
(Colorado Springs 11	Scott Elementary School	Excellent	1998	5
,	Jefferson County R-1	Shaffer Elementary School	Excellent	1998	5
	Eagle County Re 50	Eagle County Charter Academy	Excellent	1999	4
	Douglas County Re 1	Rock Canyon High School	Excellent	2004	4
	Douglas County Re 1	Rocky Heights Middle School	Excellent	2003	5
	Denver County 1	Denver School Of Science And Technology	Excellent	2004	5
	Cherry Creek 5	Dry Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1972	5
	Kim Reorganized 88	Kim Undivided High School	Excellent	1939	5
	Academy 20	Rampart High School	Excellent	1982	5
	Jefferson County R-1	Red Rocks Elementary School	Excellent	1955	5
	Jefferson County R-1	Wilmot Elementary School	Excellent	1963	5
	Boulder Valley Re 2	Boulder High School	Excellent	1937	4
	Steamboat Springs Re-2	Steamboat Springs Middle School	Excellent	1981	5
	Poudre R-1	Stove Prairie Elementary School	Excellent	1896	5
	Lewis-Palmer 38	Lewis-Palmer Elementary School	Excellent	1973	4
	Boulder Valley Re 2	Louisville Middle School	Excellent	1939	5
	Walsh Re-1	Walsh Elementary School	Excellent	1956	5
	Littleton 6	Arapahoe High School	Excellent	1964	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Evergreen Middle School	Excellent	1969	5
	Jefferson County R-1	•	Excellent	1999	4
	•	Jefferson Charter Academy Senior High School			
	St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Lyons Middle/Senior High School	Excellent	1974	4
	Delta County 50(J)	Delta Academy Of Applied Learning	Excellent	1920	4
	Cherry Creek 5	Indian Ridge Elementary School	Excellent	1985	5
	Windsor Re-4	Windsor Charter Academy	Excellent	2001	5
	Thompson R-2j	Berthoud Elementary School	Excellent	1963	4
	Cheyenne Mountain 12	Broadmoor Elementary School	Excellent	1955	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Coal Creek Canyon K-8 Elementary School	Excellent	1963	5
	Colorado Springs 11	Holmes Middle School	Excellent	1996	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Marshdale Elementary School	Excellent	1980	4
	Douglas County Re 1	Timber Trail Elementary School	Excellent	2003	4
	Charter School Institute	Colorado Springs Charter Academy	Excellent	1966	4
	Gunnison Watershed Re1j	Crested Butte Community School	Excellent	1997	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Devinny Elementary School	Excellent	1964	5
	Lewis-Palmer 38	Lewis-Palmer Middle School	Excellent	1995	5
	St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Flagstaff Charter Academy	Excellent	1996	5
	Lewis-Palmer 38	Lewis-Palmer High School	Excellent	1979	4
	Aspen 1	Aspen Middle School	Excellent	2007	5
	Lewis-Palmer 38	Prairie Winds Elementary School	Excellent	2001	5
	Steamboat Springs Re-2	Strawberry Park Elementary School	Excellent	1981	5
	Greeley 6	Frontier Charter Academy	Excellent	1976	4
	Boulder Valley Re 2	Community Montessori School	Excellent	1960	5
	Academy 20	Explorer Elementary School	Excellent	1989	5
	Jefferson County R-1	West Woods Elementary School	Excellent	1996	5
	Cheyenne Mountain 12	Cheyenne Mountain Junior High School	Excellent	1968	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Deer Creek Middle School	Excellent	1980	4
	St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Niwot Elementary School	Excellent	1966	4
	Jefferson County R-1	Rocky Mountain Academy Of Evergreen	Excellent	2007	5
	Edison 54 Jt	Edison Elementary School	Excellent	2008	5
	Douglas County Re 1	Mountain Vista High School	Excellent	2001	5
	Jefferson County R-1	Kyffin Elementary School	Excellent	1972	5
	Academy 20	Pine Creek High School	Excellent	1998	4
	Pueblo County Rural 70	Pueblo Technical Academy	Excellent	1959	4
	St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Twin Peaks Charter Academy	Excellent	1992	5
	Westminster 50	Crown Pointe Charter Academy	Excellent	1975	4
	Boulder Valley Re 2	Heatherwood Elementary School	Excellent	1970	4
	Littleton 6	Littleton Prep Charter School	Excellent	1976	5
	Douglas County Re 1	Mountain Ridge Middle School	Excellent	2003	5
	Steamboat Springs Re-2	Steamboat Springs High School	Excellent	1965	5
	Summit Re-1	Upper Blue Elementary School	Excellent	1996	5
	Cheyenne Mountain 12	Canon Elementary School	Excellent	1953	5
	Boulder Valley Re 2	Coal Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1984	4
	Douglas County Re 1	Summit View Elementary School	Excellent	1992	5
	Academy 20	Antelope Trails Elementary School	Excellent	1992	5
	Academy 20	Discovery Canyon Campus School	Excellent	2005	5
	Poudre R-1	Fossil Ridge High School	Excellent	2005	5
	Denver County 1	Cory Elementary School	Excellent	1951	4
	Littleton 6	John Wesley Powell Middle School	Excellent	1981	4
,	St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Mead Middle School	Excellent	1970	4

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Norwood R-2j	Norwood Elementary School	Excellent	1999	5
Douglas County Re 1	Trailblazer Elementary School	Excellent	1997	5
Cherry Creek 5	Fox Hollow Elementary School	Excellent	2001	5
Jefferson County R-1	Ken Caryl Middle School	Excellent	1970	5
Greeley 6	Mcauliffe Elementary School	Excellent	2007	4
Ridgway R-2	Ridgway High School	Excellent	2006	5
Academy 20	Woodmen-Roberts Elementary School	Excellent	1990	5
Roaring Fork Re-1	Carbondale Community Charter School	Excellent	1998	4
Jefferson County R-1	Lakewood High School	Excellent	1957	5
Boulder Valley Re 2	Louisville Elementary School	Excellent	1964	4
Academy 20	Academy Endeavour Elementary School	Excellent	1998	5
Edison 54 Jt	Edison Junior-Senior High School	Excellent	1922	5
Douglas County Re 1	Fox Creek Elementary School	Excellent	1995	5
Lewis-Palmer 38	Ray E Kilmer Elementary School	Excellent	1988	4
Academy 20	Mountain View Elementary School	Excellent	2004	5
Academy 20	Eagleview Middle School	Excellent	1986	5
Littleton 6	Heritage High School	Excellent	1972	4
Boulder Valley Re 2	Monarch K-8 School	Excellent	1997	5
Denver County 1	Southmoor Elementary School	Excellent	1974	4
Jefferson County R-1	West Jefferson Middle School	Excellent	1974	5
Douglas County Re 1	Acres Green Elementary School	Excellent	1976	4
Academy 20	Challenger Middle School	Excellent	1965	5
Poudre R-1	Bennett Elementary School	Excellent	2002	5
St Vrain Valley Re 1j	Eagle Crest Elementary School	Excellent	1999	5
Prairie Re-11	Prairie Junior-Senior High School	Excellent	1964	3
Douglas County Re 1	Redstone Elementary School	Excellent	2005	4
Colorado Springs 11	Steele Elementary School	Excellent	1953	5
Jefferson County R-1	Chatfield High School	Excellent	1986	5
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Denver County 1	Barrett Elementary School	Unsatisfactory	1960	5
Vilas Re-5	Hope Online Learning Academy Co-Op	Unsatisfactory	na	na
Denver County 1	Mitchell Elementary School	Unsatisfactory	1997	5
Denver County 1	Challenges, Choices & Images Charter School	Unsatisfactory	closed	na
Denver County 1	Gilpin K-8 School	Unsatisfactory	1951	5
Poudre R-1	Peak Alternative Program	Unsatisfactory	na	na
Denver County 1	Hallett Elementary School	Unsatisfactory	1951	4
Adams-Arapahoe 28j	New America School	Unsatisfactory	1953	3
Delta County 50(J)	Delta County Opportunity School	Unsatisfactory	1920	5
Westminster 50	Hidden Lake High School	Unsatisfactory	1951	4
Montezuma-Cortez Re-1	Mesa Verde Academy	Unsatisfactory	2002	na

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Appendix G: A list of the financial assistance applications for public school facility capital construction that were denied financial assistance during the prior fiscal year that includes for each project:

- o A brief project description
- o A statement of the amount and type of financial assistance requested for the project
- o A statement indicating whether or not the board recommended a financial assistance award for the project
- o A summary of the reasons why the board or the state board denied financial assistance for the project

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			Total Request &			
			Matching		District Matching	
County	District	Project Description	Contribution	Requested Amount	Contribution	Notes
ADAMS	BRIGHTON 27J	Vikan Middle School - HVAC Upgrades	\$ 697,950.00	\$ 628,155.00	\$ 69,795.00	*For all BEST FY0809 non-awarded projects, please see below.
ADAMS	BRIGHTON 27J	Overland Trail-PA System	\$ 82,500.00	\$ 74,250.00	\$ 8,250.00	
ADAMS	BRIGHTON 27J	Overland Trail - Security System	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 36,630.00	\$ 4,070.00	
ADAMS	BRIGHTON 27J	Vikan Middle School - Upgrades to the existing security system	\$ 46,200.00	\$ 41,580.00	\$ 4,620.00	
ADAMS	BRIGHTON 27J	Transportation Building Water Line Extension	\$ 802,755.00	\$ 722,479.50	\$ 80,275.50	
ADAMS	MAPLETON 1	Skyview Campus Roof Replacement	\$ 1,833,176.00	\$ 971,583.28	\$ 861,592.72	
ADAMS	MAPLETON 1	Roof Restoration	\$ 532,046.00	\$ 281,984.38	\$ 250,061.62	
ADAMS	MAPLETON 1	Roof Restoration	\$ 423,144.00	\$ 224,266.32	\$ 198,877.68	
ARAPAHOE	ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28-J	ES Roof Repair	\$ 715,000.00	\$ 521,950.00	\$ 193,050.00	
ARAPAHOE	ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28-J	East Middle School Energy Improvements & Deferred Maintenance	\$ 1,760,000.00	\$ 1,284,800.00	\$ 475,200.00	
ARAPAHOE	ADAMS-ARAPAHOE 28-J	ES Window and Door Replacement	\$ 550,000.00		\$ 148,500.00	
BACA	CAMPO RE-6	New Cafeteria and Kitchen	\$ 789,330.00	\$ 244,692.30	\$ 544,637.70	
BOULDER	SUMMIT MIDDLE CHARTER SCHOOL	MS Gym Addition	\$ 2,096,935.00			
DELTA	DELTA 50(J)	Cedaredge Elementary School - Historic Renovation and Addition	\$ 10,480,400.00	\$ 8,069,908.00	\$ 2,410,492.00	
EAGLE	EAGLE RE 50	Eagle Valley MS Grease Trap & Related Plumbing	\$ 28,325.00		\$ 19,827.50	
EAGLE	EAGLE RE 50	ES 2 Classroom Addition	\$ 758,880.00		\$ 531,216.00	
EAGLE	EAGLE RE 50	ES Exterior EIFS Repairs	\$ 208,824.00		\$ 146,176.80	
EL PASO	CALHAN RJ-1	Districtwide Indoor Air Quality/HVAC Replacement	\$ 3,221,746.00		\$ 1,417,568.24	
EL PASO	Colorado School for the Deaf and the Blind	Renovation of K-12 Classroom Building for Deal	\$ 11,242,893.00		\$ -	
EL PASO	HARRISON 2	New Intercom System	\$ 88,880.00		\$ 17,776.00	
EL PASO	JAMES IRWIN CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	RTU Replacements	\$ 350,226.00	<u> </u>	\$ 192,624.30	
EL PASO	JAMES IRWIN CHARTER MIDDLE SCHOOL	New Roof	\$ 566,500.00		\$ 311.575.00	
EL PASO	LEWIS-PALMER 38	ES Boiler Replacement	\$ 77,242.00	<u> </u>	\$ 40,938.26	
EL PASO	LEWIS-PALMER 38	ES Partial Roof Replacement	\$ 103,939.00		\$ 55,087.67	
EL PASO	MIAMI-YODER 60 JT	New Jr/Sr HS Phase II	\$ 12,174,010.00		\$ -	
EL PASO	PEYTON 23 JT	Water Pipe Replacement	\$ 44,000.00		\$ 19,360.00	
EL PASO	THE CLASSICAL ACADEMY CHARTER	TCA New East ES Campus	\$ 12,924,161.00			
ELBERT	ELBERT 200	Partial Roof Replacement	\$ 724,900.00		\$ 72,490.00	
ELBERT	KIOWA C-2	New Phone System	\$ 44,930.00		\$ 27,407.30	
GARFIELD	GARFIELD 16	Partial Re-Roof	\$ 313.293.00			
GARFIELD	GARFIELD 16	Fire Alarm Replacement	\$ 49,132.00		\$ 28,005.24	
GARFIELD	GARFIELD 16	Technology Equipment for New MS	\$ 279,704.00		\$ 159,431.28	
GRAND	INDIAN PEAKS CHARTER SCHOOL	Indian Peaks Charter School Various Renovations	\$ 422,756.00		\$ 54,958.28	
KIOWA	PLAINVIEW RE-2	New Roof and Upgrades	\$ 944,650.00	<u> </u>	\$ 264,502.00	
LA PLATA	DURANGO 9-R	Building Renovation of Unoccupied Building for Alternative HS	\$ 484,669.00	<u> </u>	\$ 358,655.06	
LAKE	LAKE R-1	HS Partial Roof Replacement	\$ 591,232.00		\$ 147,808.00	
LAKE	LAKE R-1	Multi-School School and Classroom Communication Systems	\$ 47,142.00		\$ 20,271.06	
LAS ANIMAS	HOEHNE 3	Hoehne School - Overframing and Roof	\$ 80.482.00	<u> </u>	\$ 36,216.90	
LAS ANIMAS	HOEHNE 3	Waste Water Treatment Plant to Replace Septic	\$ 880,000.00	<u> </u>	\$ 396,000.00	
LAS ANIMAS	HOEHNE 3	Hoehne School Window Replacement	\$ 71,960.00		\$ 32,382.00	
LAS ANIMAS	TRINIDAD 1	HS Gym Bleachers (Structural Safety Concern)	\$ 56,100.00			
MONTEZUMA	MANCOS RE-6	MS Indoor Air Quality/Mech. Upgrades	\$ 488,958.00	<u> </u>	· , ,	
MONTROSE	MONTROSE RE-1J	ES HVAC Upgrade	\$ 153,247.00		\$ 67,428.68	
MONTROSE	MONTROSE RE-1J	ES Roof Replacement	\$ 192,500.00		\$ 84,700.00	
MONTROSE	MONTROSE RE-1J	MS Roof Replacement	\$ 192,500.00		\$ 84,700.00	
MONTROSE	MONTROSE RE-1J	ES Fencing	\$ 19,800.00	<u> </u>	\$ 8,712.00	
MONTROSE	MONTROSE RE-1J	Districtwide Security Cameras	\$ 100,023.00	<u> </u>	\$ 44,010.12	
MONTROSE	WEST END RE-2	JR/SH Asbestos Floor Tile Abatement	\$ 79,223.00		\$ 34,858.12	
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	High School Gymnasium/Pool HVAC roof top units	\$ 196,900.00	<u> </u>		
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	HS Partial Roof Replacement	\$ 194,040.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	Intermediate School Roof Replacement	\$ 77,097.00		\$ 12,335.52	
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	Preschool Roof Replacement	\$ 79,695.00	<u> </u>	\$ 12,751.20	
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	Middle School Flashing Restoration	\$ 16,170.00	<u> </u>	\$ 12,751.20	
OTERO	EAST OTERO R-1	Fire Alarm Replacement at Various Schools	\$ 585,200.00			
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County	District	Project Description	Con	ntribution	Requ	ested Amount	Contribution	Notes
OTERO	SWINK 33	ES 6 Classroom Addition to Replace 2 Modulars	\$ 1	,679,965.00	\$	1,511,968.50	\$ 167,996.50	
PROWERS	GRANADA RE-1	Supplemental HVAC Control Project	\$	433,184.00	\$	306,261.09	\$ 126,922.91	
RIO GRANDE	MONTE VISTA C-8	Domestic Hot Water Line Replacement	\$	46,551.00	\$	36,775.29	\$ 9,775.71	
RIO GRANDE	MONTE VISTA C-8	ES Windows	\$	146,808.00	\$	115,978.32	\$ 30,829.68	
WELD	FT. LUPTON RE-8	MS Gym Ceiling Replacement and HVAC Upgrade	\$	307,013.00	\$	150,436.37	\$ 156,576.63	
		TOTALS:	\$ 72	2,619,586.00	\$	47,518,855.12	\$ 25,100,730.88	

^{*}The Assistance Board promulgated in Rule 1 CCR 303-3, Section 6.2.1 that for FY2008-09 priority consideration would be provided to: Previous Applicants that received awards in the previous program and that require supplemental funding; New BEST project lease-purchase agreements for projects that have matching funds not contingent on future elections and for which the Division has worked with the Applicant on project planning prior to submission of the Application. None of the above projects fell into this category for FY2008-09.

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APPENDIX H: The division and the board timeline from program inception to end of year 2009

Program report from program inception (July 22, 2008) to (December 31, 2009)

Transition from the Capital Construction Grant Program to the BEST Grant Program

- The staff had several tasks to accomplish before the first BEST Capital Construction Assistance Board (Assistance Board) meeting. Staff developed and released an application where applicants applied for a Full-Day Kindergarten (FDK) Facility Capital Construction Grant, which was established by the General Assembly in the School Finance Act. The staff held workshops in Grand Junction, Haxtun and Jefferson County to inform prospective applicants about the program. The applications were due on July 1, 2008 at which time the staff performed a detailed review of the applications and prepared a summary book for the Assistance Board to review at the first meeting.
- Additionally, it was necessary for the staff to close down the prior capital construction grant
 program funding sources and work with CDE's accounting department to transfer over the
 encumbered and unencumbered funds to the BEST grant program. The staff performed several
 reconciliations and audits to ensure that the encumbered funds for the previous grant programs projects
 were balanced and each funding source for the BEST program was properly established.
- The staff assembled job announcements and sought applicants for Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Capital Construction FTE, BEST FTE, and a BEST Director. Staff hired one FTE to administer the Full-Day Kindergarten Facility program, one FTE as a BEST technical assistance member, and accepted and summarized applications for the Directors position. The Directors position could not be filled until the Assistance Board had been established and their input and recommendation had been given to the Commissioner of Education.
- During this time, staff had been charged with performing a facility assessment on selected districts throughout the State through SB07-041. The staff had been prepared to open this RFP on the Colorado bids system at the time HB08-1335 passed thus halting the process. BEST changed the scope of this assessment and the staff began to model the exhibits and adjust the RFP to meet the new statutory requirements. Staff attended several meetings with various assessment and facility management firms between January and July 2008. The knowledge and input obtained from these firms allowed the staff to visualize what an ideal assessment planning tool is. This aided in the development of a solid RFP for the Statewide Facility Assessment.
- The staff was in the process of preparing the "Public School's Construction Priorities" for SB07-041 at the time BEST was enacted. Staff took this document and transformed it into the "Public School's Construction Guidelines", based on HB08-1335 criteria. The intent of this document is that potential applicants will utilize this tool in the project planning process. The staff set an ambitious goal of having the Guidelines completed and ready to present at the Assistance Boards first meeting. This was done to additionally expedite the assessment RFP process.
- Staff accepted applications for the State Board's three appointments to the Assistance Board and prepared a packet for the State Board to review and select from.
- The staff also prepared a new member packet for the incoming Assistance Board which outlined the Assistance Board's charge; a proposed timeline for program implementation, a narrative describing each program the Division manages, a copy of the BEST ACT, the FDK excerpt from the School Finance Act, the construction guidelines and a summary book for Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Capital Construction grant applications. The book was developed with the intent that the Assistance Board would be able to prepare for the first meeting in advance thus starting with minimal hesitation.

Capital Construction Assistance Board

• On May 22, 2008 HB08-1335 was signed by the Governor and on July 22, 2008 the final Assistance Board members were appointed to the Assistance Board, marking the beginning of the BEST Grant Program. Two weeks after the final appointments were completed, the Assistance Board met for their first meeting. The Assistance Board members were greeted with the packet the Division prepared for them, along with an agenda item to make recommendations for a Division

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- Director. It was determined at that meeting that the Assistance Board, made up entirely of volunteers, would meet every week until all imminent tasks had been addressed.
- The Assistance Board met weekly August through September 2008 and monthly thereafter for a total of twenty four meetings to date. The Assistance Board, determined to begin the program in a responsible manner, set their initial priorities to be: establishment of rules, create timelines, and build processes for the program.
- The Assistance Board, with the support of the Division, developed several important documents. The documents were: Assistance Board policies and procedures, conflict of interest rules, full-day kindergarten program administration, application and oversight rules, the public schools construction guidelines rules, and BEST grant program administration, application and oversight rules.
- The Assistance Board has held annual public hearings for comment on the Full-Day Kindergarten, Construction Guidelines Rules, and BEST Grant Program Rules.
- To promote the BEST grant program, various Assistance Board members have volunteered additional time to speak at conferences like the Colorado Association of School Boards conference and the League of Charter Schools annual conference and other seminars.
- In fall 2008, The Assistance Board was prepared to hold a meeting where recommendations would have been made to the State Board of Education to award from the Full-Day Kindergarten Facility Capital Construction Fund, when the Governor requested these funds be frozen until a later date. It is important to note that early on, the Assistance Board made the decision to spend their efforts on this program before addressing the BEST grant program. The applications had been submitted in July, 2008, and decisions needed to be made on those projects before opening up BEST projects. Upon hearing that the funds were put on hold, the Assistance Board immediately shifted their focus to BEST.
- The Assistance Board made the decision to hold two BEST funding cycles in FY08-09. The first set of applications was due January 23, 2009. The Assistance Board recommended eleven projects for award by the State Board of Education, three of which would be funded under the BEST Lease-Purchase Grant. The BEST Cash Grants were awarded, and given notice to proceed, in March 2009. The BEST Lease-Purchase Project's COP financing closed in August and the three new school projects were allowed to begin. This Lease-Purchase deal was the largest school financing deal in the country for FY08-09.
- The second set of applications was due on June 5, 2009 at which time The Assistance Board recommended 55 projects for award through the Assistance Fund with project costs totaling over 203 million. The State Board awarded these projects in August and of those projects, twelve qualified for the BEST Lease-Purchase program. The Lease-Purchase projects for this grant cycle are slated to begin following the COP financing close in March 2010.

The Division of Public School Capital Construction Assistance

- Upon the appointment of the Director, in mid August 2008, the newly formed Division was able to define the Division's mission, begin establishing roles and responsibilities, formulate a plan to build a technical assistance program, build a website within CDE, continue the RFP process for the statewide assessment, and integrate the existing program's awarded and ongoing projects. The Division also initiated the task of creating rules, documents, spreadsheets and presentations for the Assistance Board.
- To aid in the creation of the Division's technical assistance program, that would assist potential applicants with financial aid from the BEST program, the Division has had numerous meetings with architects, engineers, facilities planners and managers, the Governors Energy Office (GEO), the State Architects Office, The Department of Local Affairs and others in order to layout a thorough process for providing technical assistance to applicants in the form of project identification, vendor selection, design and budget strategies and to assist with the application and award process.
- The Division has prepared several pieces of draft literature and made numerous site visits across the State to start advocating for the technical assistance component of the program. Since the start of BEST the Division has made site visits to several School Districts, Charter Schools, BOCES, and the Colorado School for the Deaf and Blind. Division staff has also spoken at several events to advocate and educate the public on the BEST Grant program.
- The Division constructed a website within the CDE network and combined with a Capital

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Construction listserv the Division keeps the public up-to-date with the various BEST grant programs. The staff worked diligently to build a website that would be navigationally friendly and provide information on all the programs administered under BEST. The website provides information regarding the Assistance Board, and other relevant information pertaining to school construction and facility management. The Division website is updated regularly and is continually improved to ensure ease of use by all its end-users.

- The staff has devoted time to developing rules, spreadsheets, documents and reports for the Division to use with potential BEST participants. These ranged from spreadsheets that compiled figures to determine the appropriate calculation for establishing matching percentages for applicants, to compiling ranking criteria for project evaluation. Documents were created to assist with vendor selection, master plan requirements, RFP requirements, literature on the BEST Lease-Purchase and High Performance Certification Programs, CO-CHPS, and other items to help ease the process for BEST participants. The staff additionally put timelines together, presentations for workshops and conferences, literature for different phases of projects, and forms for applicants to use when requesting funds from the Division. The staff also had the initial task of writing the rules for the construction guidelines, the Full-Day Kindergarten rules, and the BEST rules. The staff was in charge of filing these rules with the Attorney Generals office, the Secretary of State's office and the Department of Local Affairs.
- The staff worked with The State Purchasing Office, to develop the Request for Proposals (RFP) and helped lead the process for the statewide facility assessment. The RFP was focused on attracting a field of qualified consultants with experience assessing large public education facility portfolios. The RFP specified total consulting costs not to exceed a maximum price of 12 million dollars. Of the appropriated funds for this project, \$300,000 has been set aside by the staff as a contingency for potential field change orders. The RFP was posted on the Colorado Bids system on September 17, 2008. Four firms submitted proposals that were due by Tuesday, October 21, 2008. The proposals were reviewed by the selection committee which was comprised of the Director of the Division, two Capital Construction Assistance Board Members, a CDE IT specialist, and one State appointed member from the State Architect's Office. The Committee held three all-day sessions to evaluate the proposals and in the end, Parsons Commercial Technology Group inc. was selected. Parsons scope included numerous tasks in addition to the mandatory items, and was under the project budget by \$620,000. Parsons proposal was selected in accordance with Colorado law and State Procurement Rules pursuant to the State's issuance of a RFP. The Contract between the Colorado Department of Education and Parsons was drafted by CDE's procurement staff in conjunction with Division staff, and sent to Parsons for execution on January 15, 2008. Currently, Parsons completed the field work for data collection and beginning their final quality control measures before producing a draft final report for CDE.
- Division staff has worked hand in hand with Parsons throughout the assessment by holding weekly update meetings, performing site audits and working with Parsons to continually modify and enhance the summary reports and software applications that will make up the Colorado school facility database.
- The Director of the Division has also spoken at several conferences and has developed workshops to relay information on the BEST grant program. The workshops have been held at the Western Slope Superintendents conference, CSPMA, CASBO, CASB, Southern Superintendents conference and the League of Charter Schools annual meeting, CEFPI and other events.

Ongoing Prior Program Management

- The prior capital construction grant program offered a grant cycle every year for funding new projects. Because many of these grants were multi-year projects, continued oversight and funding reimbursements are still occurring today. The Division continues to receive multiple requests a week for funding reimbursements, questions on the project, or site visit requests to these prior program projects. The Division additionally has helped several of these prior program projects, who structured their original project into a phase project, and developed a plan for a new BEST grant application.
- The Division is required to complete a detailed State Auditors report twice a year for State Education Fund expenditures for the prior grant program. This occurs at the end of the fiscal year and at the end of the calendar year. Both have been completed and the Division remains in compliance with the State Auditors requirements.

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What the Division is Planning for the Near Future

- The statewide facility assessment is slated to be completed in spring 2010, at which time the Division will be able to begin utilizing the data collected. The data will be used to evaluate grant applications, identify needs across the State, and model projections for the future. It will also serve as a tool to all public school facilities across the State to help them identify needs and formulate plans to maintain their facilities as efficiently as possible.
- The next BEST Grant cycle is scheduled to open on January 8, 2010 and close on April 9, 2010 the Division will work diligently to read, review and summarize the proposed grants to present before the Assistance Board on in June 2010. The recommended projects from these meetings will be presented to The State Board for approval at the July and August meetings.
- The Division recently expanded its technical assistance group both in resources and size, depending. The Division recently hired two additional FTE and is in the process of finalizing a series of documents that will streamline the technical assistance program and setup a series of requirements for potential applicants to comply with in order to create well planned, budgeted and fiscally responsible projects for future grants. The Division is also planning the creation of a Webinar learning series and a yearly facilities conference to continue to advocate and educate the public on Colorado public school facilities.

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