

**FRESNO COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS****Facilities****EVALUATING EXISTING BUILDINGS**

The County Superintendent or designee shall periodically evaluate the adequacy, design, and conditions of existing facilities owned by the County Board or leased by the County Superintendent to determine whether they meet the needs of the instructional program and provide a healthful and pleasing environment for students and staff. He/she also shall determine whether the facilities fulfill legal requirements for safety and structural soundness, access for the disabled, and energy conservation.

In addition, the County Superintendent or designee shall, as necessary, calculate the capacity of existing school buildings to adequately house students in schools operated by the County Superintendent.

**Structural Safety**

In the event that the Department of General Services or any licensed structural engineer or licensed architect finds and reports to the County Board or County Superintendent that a building is unsafe for use, the County Superintendent or designee shall immediately obtain an estimate of the cost of repairs or reconstruction necessary to bring the building up to legal standards for structural safety. The County Board and County Superintendent shall establish a system of priorities for the repair, reconstruction, or replacement of unsafe school buildings. (Education Code 17367.)

A relocatable school building or structure shall meet the requirements of Education Code 17280-17317 and 17365-17374 pertaining to structural safety. (Education Code 17291.)

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**Legal Reference****Education Code**

17070.10-17077.10 Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998, especially:

17071.10-17071.40 Existing school building capacity

17280-17316 Building approvals

17365-17374 Fitness for occupancy

17650-17653 Retrofitting school facilities for energy conservation

**Government Code**

53097 Compliance with city or county ordinances

53097.5 Inspection of schools by city or county

**Code of Regulations, Title 2**

1859-1859.106 Regulations relating to the Leroy F. Greene School Facilities Act of 1998

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**Management Resources**

Web Sites

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education, School Facilities Division: <http://www.cde.ca.gov/ls/fa>

California Energy Commission, Bright Schools Program:

<http://www.energy.ca.gov/efficiency/brightschoools>

Coalition for Adequate School Housing: <http://www.cashnet.org>

Department of General Services, Office of Public School Construction:

<http://www.opsc.dgs.ca.gov>