

FY 2007 QUESTION NUMBER: 45

QUESTION:

Determine if the governor's added funding for facilities would be eligible for relocatable classrooms to complete full-day kindergarten.

BUDGET PAGE REFERENCE: N/A

ANSWER:

A limited amount of the additional funding the Governor has included in his FY 2007 budget for school construction could be used for relocatable classrooms for the implementation of full-day kindergarten. In FY 2004, state legislation was adopted to allow the Board of Public Works to use up to \$1 million of the funds provided in the annual state budget for school construction to fund the purchase of relocatable classrooms for the implementation of full-day kindergarten in FY 2006, FY 2007, and FY 2008. These funds can only be used for the purchase of relocatable classrooms and cannot be used for leasing classroom units.

The Interagency for School Construction (IAC) has recommended that \$627,000 of the \$1 million in FY 2007 state funds that can be used for the purchase of local relocatable classrooms be allocated to other jurisdictions. The IAC could recommend up to \$373,000 more in FY 2007 state funds for relocatable classrooms for full-day kindergarten; however, we are not eligible for these funds because our relocatable classrooms are leased.