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## Affirmative Action School Construction

**The NJSBA believes** that equal employment opportunities in school construction projects should be afforded to all persons in accordance with all state and federal laws governing minority employment and affirmative action. [Authority: DA 12/73-CR Minority Employment, DA 5/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]

## Timely Review of School Construction Plans

**The NJSBA believes** that the New Jersey Department of Education should maintain the authority to approve school construction and to ensure that construction plans receive a thorough and timely review. There should be an enforcement mechanism if plan approval does not take place within a reasonable timeframe. This should balance the needs of district boards of education to obtain approval in a timely fashion, against the social and policy concerns of assuring that school buildings are educationally adequate and structurally safe. *[Authority: DA 12/85-9, DA 12/89-3, DA 5/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]* 

## Pre-Kindergarten/Kindergarten Classrooms Requirements

**The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should not be required to install toilet facilities for prekindergarten and kindergarten classrooms when changes in use occur, or be held to a higher per pupil space requirement for pre-kindergarten classes as a result of rearrangement or reassignment of existing classroom facilities. [Authority: DA 6/86-11, DA 5/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]

#### Exemptions From Construction Sanctions And Fees

- A. **The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be exempt from the payment of fees and sanctions under the New Jersey Uniform Building Code. [*Authority: DA 12/88-10, DA 5/98-SR*]
- B. The NJSBA believes that boards of education should be exempt from all application, permit and site inspection fees. [Authority: DA 12/84-12, DA 5/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]

#### Prevailing Wage Act Exemption

**The NJSBA believes** that boards of education should be exempt from the application of the New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act on every capital improvement project contract of less than fifty thousand (\$50,000.00) dollars. *[Authority: DA 5/71-11, DA 5/98-SR, DA 5/03-SR, DA 11/07-SR, DA 11/12-SR, DA 11/17-SR]* 

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