

# Measure G projects continue as state school funds dry up

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The Chino Valley school district will continue its plans to modernize schools that are over 25 years old while expecting delays with state reimbursement.

The state Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) informed school districts and county superintendents on Feb. 28 that the School Facility Program (SFP) New Construction and Modernization bond authority has been exhausted and no more state funding will be awarded.

The letter said that OPSC has received requests for funding that exceed available state bond authority.

Chino Valley school district assistant superintendent of facilities Greg Stachura told the Champion this week that the district will not postpone any projects due to lack of state funding.

Mr. Stachura said projects are funded locally in advance and are reimbursed by the state when the funds become available.

In January 2017, the school board prioritized modernization construction projects for 11 schools, using Measure G bond funds and anticipated 60 percent funding from the state.

Modernization is currently underway at Ayala High, Litel, Oak Ridge and Howard Cattle elementary schools.

This week, the district advertised bids to start modernization work at Rolling Ridge and County Springs elementary schools.

The state's Prop 51 was approved by voters in 2016, the same year the district's \$750 million Measure G facilities bond passed.

Prop 51, now exhausted, allowed \$9 billion for construction and modernization of K-12 schools and colleges throughout the state.

In a 2016 report, the Chino Valley school district estimated potential state reimbursement of \$74 million for work at schools that qualify for modernization because they are more than 25 years old.