

HK School Law Monthly Newsletter



Greetings!
Thank you for your interest in the HK School Law Monthly Newsletter.
We look forward to hearing from you soon!

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We're growing! Visit us at our newest location!

In addition to our Lake Arrowhead offices, we're pleased to announce a second office location in Upland, California. Our second office is located at: 1425 W. Foothill Blvd., Suite 100, Upland, CA 91786. Our office phone numbers remain the same. Toll Free: 1-800-577-0663 1-800-577-0663 FREE. Direct: 909-744-8775 909-744-8775.

Please continue to address all correspondence to our secure PO Box at Hansberger & Klein, PLC, PO Box 1352, Blue Jay, CA 92317-1352.

“Yes means Yes” Training May Be Coming to Your School Soon

As the “yes means yes” standard of sexual conduct spreads to many US college campuses, the Governor has just signed a new law that will put affirmative consent curriculum into the state’s high schools beginning next year. The legislation will require high schools that have a health component as a graduation requirement to teach the “different forms of sexual harassment and violence,” and include lessons on seeking explicit, affirmative permission from a partner before moving forward with sexual activity.

[Read more stories about the new law here.](#)

Online Training Opportunities

Does your board need Brown Act or governance training to ensure legal compliance and strengthen their abilities? Do your managers or staff need sexual harassment and abusive conduct training? Visit www.schoolawtraining.com and register for Brown Act training for free today.

Coming soon: state and federal special education and disability laws, employment/labor compliance, accountability and privacy/confidentiality training!

In Person Training

HK School Law is currently booking trainings for the 2015-2016 school year. We've trained hundreds of board members and school employees on critical, need-to-know information related to board governance, special education, sexual harassment, employment law and labor code compliance, administration accountability as well as privacy and confidentiality. Whether you want to give your board a boost, ensure your

employees are adhering to the mandates of the IDEIA and Section 504, encourage administrative accountability and staff morale, or understand the latest in employment/labor law we can help. Call or email us today if you are interested in setting up a training at your school this coming year!

THE OTHER PROP 39: CALIFORNIA'S CLEAN ENERGY JOBS ACT

All of our readers are no doubt familiar with Proposition 39 as it relates to District facilities. But a more recent "Prop 39" is making some inroads into charter schools.

The "California Clean Energy Jobs Act," as it is otherwise known, allocates projected revenue to the General Fund and the Clean Energy Job Creation Fund for five fiscal years, beginning with fiscal year 2013-14. Under the initiative, roughly up to \$550 million annually is available for appropriation by the Legislature for eligible energy projects such as energy efficiency upgrades and clean energy generation at schools. Follow-up legislation (Senate Bill 73, Committee on Budget and Fiscal Review, Chapter 29, Statutes of 2013 and Senate Bill 852, Leno, Chapter 25, Statutes of 2014) allocated Prop. 39 funds to California's K-12 schools, including charter schools. Charter schools are eligible to submit proposed eligible energy projects to the Energy Commission, which approves LEA Energy Expenditure Plans and works with the California Department of Education to distribute funding after plans are approved.

For fiscal year 2015–16, the California Legislature appropriated \$313.4 million to LEAs, including charter schools, for energy efficiency and clean energy projects. Amounts received by charter schools and school districts are based on a formula of average daily attendance and the number of students eligible to receive free and reduced-priced meals in the prior year.

The California Department of Education maintains an informational web page and information about funding allocations and projects awarded to date at <http://www.cde.ca.gov/fg/aa/ca/prop39cceja.asp> In addition, you can review allocations available to your school on this web page.

Eligible energy projects include, but are not limited to:

- Repairs to heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning systems.
- New chillers, boilers and furnaces.
- New lighting and lighting control systems.
- Installation of energy-efficient windows, programmable thermostats, and thermal window shades.
- On-site clean energy generation, such as solar photovoltaic.

The Energy Commission can help you with your funding application. An online suite of tools and a toll-free hotline are available to help applicants evaluate energy needs, develop Energy Expenditure Plans and implement eligible energy projects. The Energy Commission Prop. 39 web page includes all of the information a charter school needs to complete an Energy Expenditure Plan as part of the application process.

Even if your school doesn't own and maintain their own facility, you may want to request that your authorizing district consider an Energy Expenditure Plan if you are co-located on District facilities.

The Energy Commission encourages charter schools to call the Prop. 39 Hotline (855-380-8722 855-380-8722 FREE) or email questions to Energy Commission staff at Prop39@energy.ca.gov. They are ready and willing to answer your questions.

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