

STRATEGIC PRIORITY CATEGORY SYSTEM

All non-emergency projects previously or newly submitted for consideration for implementation will be assigned to a strategic priority category as listed below. This will establish a framework for integrating all projects into a systematic implementation schedule:

1st Priority Category - Projects designed to correct conditions which, if not corrected now, could place the safety and health of occupants at immediate risk. Also included, are projects designed to correct conditions causing the accelerated deterioration of a facility as well as projects which should be implemented during the current fiscal year in order to avoid the impending shutdown of a critical school operation. Efforts should be made to begin implementation of these projects immediately out of **existing, budget funds**.

2nd Priority Category - These projects are safety and health oriented as well as projects designed to prevent further deterioration of a facility, but which could be delayed for a short period of time without creating a serious complication. Also included are projects designed to eliminate conditions which are of threatening school accreditation by the State Department or Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. Efforts should be made to begin implementation as soon as existing sources of revenue provide the necessary funds.

All previously identified and newly submitted projects in this category will be evaluated by the staff and assigned one of the following levels of critical intensity:

Level #1. Projects in the second priority where conditions which generated the need are accelerating most rapidly.

Level #2. Projects in the second priority where conditions which generated the need are accelerating moderately.

Level #3. Projects in the second priority where conditions which generated the need are experiencing the lowest level of acceleration.

3rd Priority Category - These are critical, renovation, site service, housing or construction projects which must wait until extra funding is secured but which shall be scheduled for implementation during **phase one of special funding project development**.

4th Priority Category - These renovation, site service, housing or construction projects are of a less critical nature. This shall be scheduled into **phase two of special funding project development**.

5th Priority Category - These are renovation, site service, housing or construction projects which are needed but can be relegated to **phase three of special funding project development**.

6th Priority Category - These are projects which are of very low critical intensity and shall be scheduled during the **final phase of special funding project development**.

All previously identified projects as well as newly submitted ones which are placed in the 2nd Priority Category will be evaluated and assigned a level of critical intensity.

It is the recommendation of the staff that projects assigned to the third strategic priority be undertaken during the first year when special funding has been generated and that the recommendations included in the fourth, fifth, and sixth strategic categories be implemented as conditions permit and funding becomes available.

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The staff will make provisions for re-evaluation of a project's implementation status at the request of the principal if sufficient justification for such a re-evaluation is provided.

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