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Transportation Update

Appropriation for transportation operations (PRC 56) is cut by \$10 million.

- ❑ Fuel last year averaged about \$2.15, while we were allotted \$2.06 per gallon.
- ❑ For 2010-2011 we are allotted \$2.51 per gallon.
- ❑ If that appropriation and current pricing holds, that should help offset some of the \$10 million cut.

Initial Allotment (PRC 56)

- Initial allotment is 80% of planning allotment.
- As usual, budget ratings and final allotments will not be done until closer to December 1.
 - So the initial allotment is just that - funds to get the school year started.
- Finance officers should work with their transportation directors to use the budget rating simulator to project their allotments for the year.

School bus replacements

- ❑ appropriation cut by about \$12 million.
- ❑ We will only be able to replace about 45 school buses this year.
- ❑ Interestingly, enough, about 20 years ago there was a similar hit so we will be able to replace all of the buses that need to be replaced because of age (20 years) because we have so few 1991 and 1992 buses in the fleet.

DWI Seized Vehicles

- There are two new statewide contractors for DWI Seized Vehicles.
 - Eastway covering the western part of the state;
 - Martin Edwards and Associates covering the eastern part of the state.

MOTOR COACH

- LEAs are required to have a local policy for motorcoach transportation.

New State Board Policies

- ❑ LEAs are required to have a local policy for motorcoach transportation.
- ❑ All NEW drivers of activity buses must now have a School Bus Drivers' Certificate. ALL drivers by 2015.
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SCHOOL BUS INSPECTIONS

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Update on School Construction & Planning Issues

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**Financial & Business Services
Summer Conference**

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School Planning Services

- **General Statutes require Plan Review and Comment on ALL construction/renovation Projects (approval on Science Labs and Mobile Units)**
- Website www.schoolclearinghouse.org
- Specialized Space Profiles and Cost workups
- Publications on Facility Planning Issues
- Construction Cost Tracking
- PSBCF Administration, Forms and Reports
- Administration of QZABs and QSCBs
- Technical Assistance on Facility Issues
- Prototype Plans

Plan Review Issues

- Required by Statute to Review and Comment on ALL plans for construction:
 - New schools, additions and renovations
 - Small projects such as dugouts, concession stands, storage buildings, etc
 - Pre-engineered Buildings
 - Technology Installations
 - Re-roofing
 - Booster Club Building Projects
 - Modular installations (trailers) require **Approval**
 - Science Labs/Classrooms require **Approval**

New 2010 Laws Passed!

- [Budget](#): 2010 Lottery money for the PSBCF can be diverted to pay teachers
- [H1292](#) Energy Savings/LEA Operational Leases. Lets lease prop be built w/out review of County Comm. if <3yrs
- [H1814 & S1114](#) Catawba, Chpl Hill/Carrboro, Asheville, and Mecklenburg LEAs exempt from competitive bidding on energy efficient projects
- [S1201](#) same exemptions from statutes and rules as charter schools for cooperative innovative high schools,

QSCBs and QZABs

- Selling bonds much easier: Can get refund of interest from Feds in lieu of tax credit
- QSCB Second 2010 Round: Tier 1 counties + BRAC up to 15M
- QSCB Letters of intent Aug 11 – Aug 20
- QSCBs After Aug 20 remaining allocation open to all
- Any LEAs w/ intent to use, will have their allocations re-allocated next year if they aren't ready by Dec 31st
- QZABs: Lots of Allocations available – Apply anytime

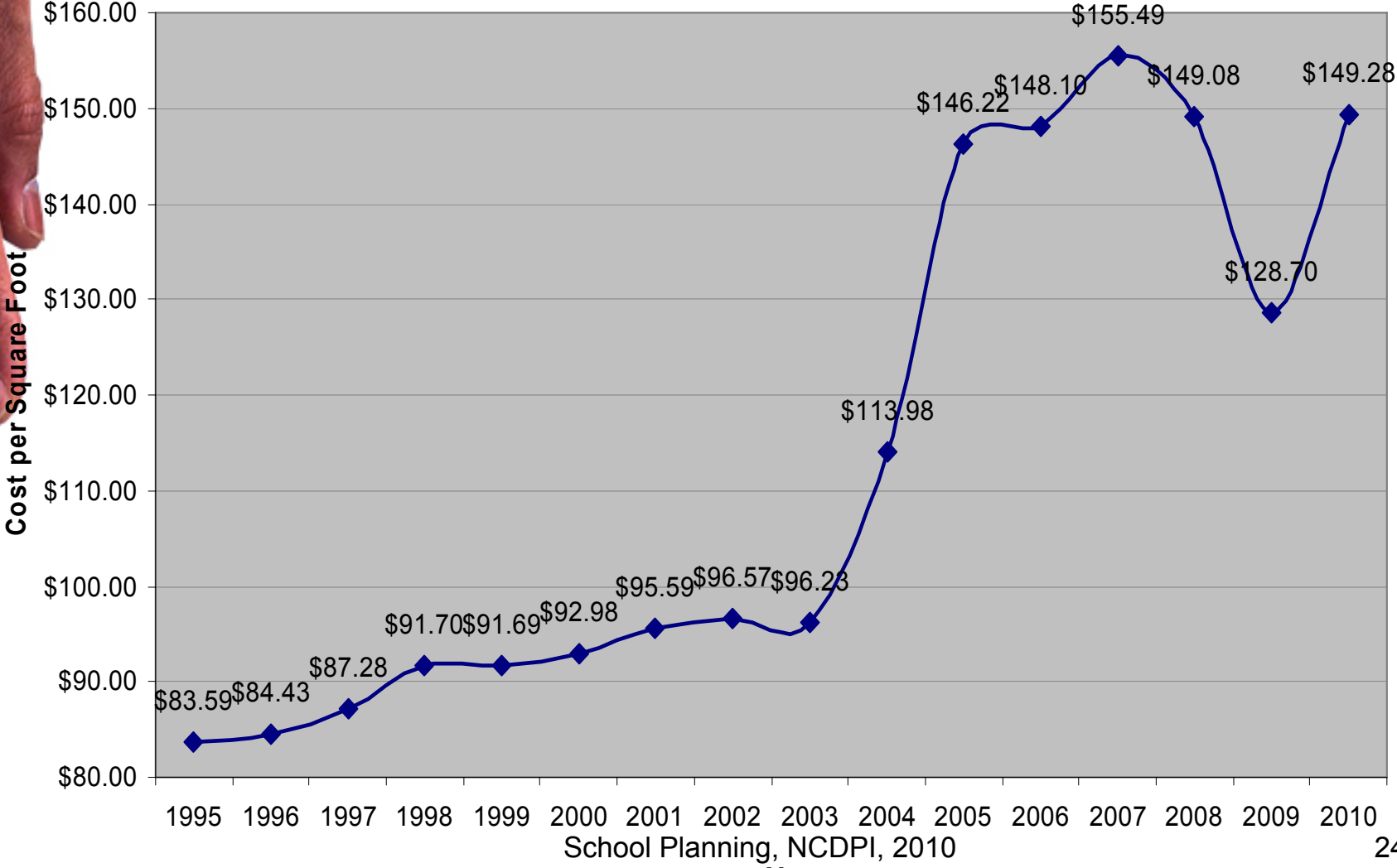
Other State construction funding Sources

- Portions of Two ½ cent sales taxes (\$0.45 total)
 - Earmarked for school construction
- Literary Loan Fund
 - ~400k in fund
 - Eliminated

Construction Costs

- 2009 costs ran \$129/ square foot
- About 13.7% **less** than \$149 in 2008.
Current 2010 cost so far (only 5 projects) are much higher at \$149
- These costs are for Total Sq. Ft. & Bid Costs as Awarded. Does not include land, design/atty fees, furniture or equipment

Construction Cost Average



Prototype Clearinghouse Website

(www.schoolclearinghouse.org)

- Many prototype designs for all types of schools
- Has evolved into an extensive information repository
- New items
 - QZAB and QSCB info/applications
 - Lottery proceeds distribution
 - New Publications: *Selected Laws, Science Safety, Design & Construction Procedures, Facility Guidelines, Exceptional Children*
 - Individual Project data
 - School Sanitation Rules changes coming: Grade Card

PSBCF Redirection

- 2010 PSBCF Holdback/Redirection
 - All Corporate Income Tax redirected from PSBCF
 - 2010 Budget Bill: Lottery Fund earmarked for school construction can be used to pay teachers
 - 5/27 ADM Current Unallocated: **\$44,781,183**
 - 5/27 Lottery Current Unallocated: **\$193,509,800**
 - 5/27 CURRENT TOTAL **\$238,290,983**

Questions????



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