

Are You Making the Best Use of Your System's Public School Fund Allocation?

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Local school systems receive an allocation from the state public school fund. These funds are restricted to capital improvement projects.

School boards can leverage up to 95 percent of their allocation to meet immediate needs in their school systems.

The allocation may also be used for debt previously incurred for capital improvements or meeting ongoing capital needs.

The analysis below may be a useful tool for systems as they decide how best to spend their public school fund allocations.

PSF STRATEGY SUMMARY-2008 FY
DECEMBER, 2007

<u>Strategy</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Leveraged PSF Funds AND Earmarked to Pay Local Debt	25	19.0%
Leveraged PSF Funds ONLY	60	45.4%
Earmarked to Pay Local Debt ONLY	28	21.2%
NEITHER Leveraged PSF Funds nor Earmarked to Pay Local Debt	19	14.4%
	<u>Total</u>	<u>100%</u>
LEVERAGED PSF FUNDS	85	64.4%

PSF FUNDS-LEVERAGING-2008 FY
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Of the 85 systems that leveraged PSF Funds, the following trends were noted:

By System "Type":

System	Average Leveraged Percentage
County	46%
City	40%

By System Size:

ADM	Average Leveraged Percentage
0-2500	44%
2501-5000	38%
5001-11000	51%
11001-15000	N/A
15001-20000	27% *
20001-40000	56% *
40001+	19% *

* Small number of systems; Limited value as a trend analysis

Of those 85 systems, 25 also earmarked PSF Funds to pay Local Debt Service:

ADM	PSF Leveraged	PSF earmarked for Local Debt	Total PSF Committed
0-2500	44%	38%	82%
2501-5000	38%	35%	73%
5001-11000	51%	33%	84%
11001-15000	N/A	N/A	N/A
15001-20000	27%	0%	27% *
20001-40000	56%	13%	69% *
40001+	19%	1%	20% *

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The remaining 60 systems that ONLY leveraged PSF Funds:

ADM	Leveraged	PSF earmarked for Local Debt	Total PSF Committed
0-2500	54%	N/A	54%
2501-5000	46%	N/A	46%
5001-11000	52%	N/A	52%
11001-15000	N/A	N/A	N/A
15001-20000	27%	N/A	27% *
20001-40000	55%	N/A	55% *
40001+	N/A	N/A	N/A *

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There are 28 systems that ONLY earmarked PSF Funds to pay Local Debt Service:

ADM	PSF Leveraged	PSF earmarked for Local Debt	Total PSF Committed
0-2500	N/A	71%	71%
2501-5000	N/A	74%	74%
5001-11000	N/A	55%	55%
11001-15000	N/A	N/A	N/A
15001-20000	N/A	N/A	N/A
20001-40000	N/A	N/A	N/A
40001+	N/A	N/A	N/A

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Finally, there were 19 systems that neither leveraged PSF Funds nor earmarked to pay Local Debt Service.

**Public School Fund Allocation
Local Treatment of Funds
FY 2008**

ADM	Percentage Leveraged	Percentage PSF earmarked for Local Debt	Total
0-2500	0.44	0.38	0.82
2501-5000	0.38	0.35	0.73
5001-11000	0.51	0.33	0.84
11001-15000	N/A	N/A	0.00
15001-20000	0.27	0.00	0.27
20001-40000	0.56	0.13	0.69
40001+	0.19	0.01	0.20