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Subject: Field Guidance for the use of Building Aid to Support Expansion of

UPK/SUFDPK spaces

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Education Law §3602(6) allows the use of Building Aid for construction of new buildings, additions, and alterations/reconstruction of facilities that serve elementary and/or secondary students. To enable districts to accommodate more UPK and/or SUFDPK funded students, this law was extended in 2023 to include the expansion of UPK and SUFDPK spaces. Below illustrates various potential arrangements for adding PreK spaces and their aidability:

1. District -Owned Building, District -Operated Program
Capital construction projects for additions of PreK classrooms are aidable if an
evaluation of all the District's elementary schools confirms insufficient space is available
for PreK classrooms as determined by Office of Facilities Planning's Aid Guidelines.
Please note that an OCFS license is not required as it is a district owned location.

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is Building Aidable so long as the district confirms insufficient space is or PreK classrooms in the district's elementary schools as determined by acilities Planning's Aid guidelines. Please note that an OCFS license is not it is a district owned location.

3. District -Owned Building, Community -Based Organization (CBO) Operated Program

As a district-owned building, the same conditions described above apply, but Building Aid will not be paid on capital construction projects if the district has a money-bearing lease agreement with the CBO. If the CBO pays the district to lease the space, then no building aid is available. 3 O H D V H Q R W H W K D W W K L V V S D F H Z R X O G Q R V 2 &) 6 D V O R Q J D V W K H G L V W U L PDW R S H X P P W R Q V L E L O L V

4. Privately-Ow ned Bu ilding, CBO-Op erated Pr ogram Typically, this is not Building Aid eligible, but there are two potential avenues in which a district could receive Building Aid. If the district:

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