



## QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND (QZAB) PROGRAM Guidelines

### INTRODUCTION

The Qualified Zone Academy Bond (QZAB) Program was established under Section 226 of the Taxpayer Relief Act of 1997, and, as amended in 1999, appears in Section 1397E of the Internal Revenue Service Code. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Tax Act extended and expanded the QZAB program for 2008, 2009 and 2010. This federal program allows for certain schools, known as education zone academies, to finance the renovation of school facilities, purchase equipment, and, if allowed by state law, provide up-to-date technology and instructional materials on an interest-free, or nearly interest-free, basis through the allocation of federal subsidy payments.

For 2008, 2009 and 2010, the U.S. Department of the Treasury has allocated a total of \$112,391,000 (\$13,941,000 for 2008, \$48,793,000 for 2009, and \$49,657,000 for 2010) of QZAB authority to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. The Pennsylvania Department of Education is responsible for making allocations to local school districts. The Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management, Division of School Facilities, is responsible for administering the program.

#### **How do QZABs work?**

Use of funds: 100 percent of the available project proceeds must be used for renovation, repair or rehabilitation of **existing** public school facilities or for equipment to be used at the academy. The renovation, repair and rehabilitation work must support the academic program (academy) being proposed. QZAB proceeds may also be used to provide up-to-date technology or instructional materials **but only if the intended use can be classified as a capital asset under the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA)**. Bond counsel should refer to the definition of a project under the LGUDA. Questions related to LGUDA should be directed to the Department of Community and Economic Development.

Private Contribution Requirement: The school district must enter into a partnership with a private entity or entities to design a program with the goal of enhancing the academic curriculum, increasing graduation and employment rates, and preparing students for college and the workforce.

The partner must make qualified contributions having a present value (as of the date of issuance of the bond issue) of not less than 10 percent of the proceeds of the bond issue. The donations may be comprised of cash, goods, services, internships, etc. Regular tax rules concerning donations apply (consult with bond counsel to ensure contributions meet federal regulations). School districts are encouraged to obtain cash to meet the 10 percent private contribution requirement.

## **APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

### **Who can apply?**

School districts submitting an application must meet the following federal criteria:

- **Private business contribution:** The school district must receive written commitments from private entities to make qualified contributions having a present value (as of the date of issuance of the bond issue) of not less than 10 percent of the proceeds of the bond issue.
- **Education plan:** The school district must use QZAB proceeds in support of a board-approved education plan with the goal of enhancing the academic curriculum, increasing graduation and employment rates, and preparing students for college and the workforce. Students in the academy program must be subject to the same standards and assessments as other students in the school district.
- **Criteria for school building:** As of the date of the issuance of the bonds, there is a reasonable expectation that at least 35 percent of the students attending the project school building will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act.

QZAB applications that were received by April 1, 2010, were given consideration for the first award of QZAB allocations. QZAB applications that are received by August 20, 2010, will be given consideration for the second award of QZAB allocations. QZAB applications that are received by October 20, 2010, will be given consideration for the third award of QZAB allocations. After the third award of QZAB allocations, a determination will be made if another solicitation of applications is necessary.

### **How will allocations be awarded?**

Allocations will be awarded on a competitive basis.

A school district may apply for more than one project. In addition to completing the application, the school district must prepare a written monthly spending plan specifying how and when bond proceeds are to be used.

School building projects must address one or more of the following program objectives:

1. Creating sustainable schools (increasing energy efficiency, improving energy and water conservation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving indoor

environmental quality, and reducing waste). For more ideas, visit [www.greenschoolbuildings.org](http://www.greenschoolbuildings.org). School districts are encouraged, but not required, to apply for “green” certification (LEED for Schools silver or higher, two or more Green Globes, Energy Star building rating of 75 or more) in these projects; or

2. Creating or renovating space within an existing building’s footprint for high-quality pre-school, full-day kindergarten, and/or reducing class size in the early grades; or
3. Creating or renovating space within an existing building’s footprint for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs; or
4. Correcting health and safety deficiencies, including school building security upgrades and building code violations.

If QZAB allocation requests received by the Pennsylvania Department of Education exceed PA’s total allocation (\$112,391,000), preference will be given to projects based on the following rating system:

1. Increasing energy efficiency, improving energy and water conservation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving indoor environmental quality, and reducing waste – up to 30 points,
2. Creating or renovating space within an existing building’s footprint for high-quality pre-school, full-day kindergarten, and/or reducing class size in the early grades – up to 30 points,
3. Creating or renovating space within an existing building’s footprint for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs – up to 20 points,
4. Addressing health and safety deficiencies, including school building security upgrades – up to 10 points,
5. Opening bids and starting construction by March 2011 – up to 10 points.

Allocation amounts will be based on the level of response to the program and how projects meet the goals and criteria set forth above. If there is significant demand, amounts allocated to individual school districts may be limited.

## **ISSUANCE OF BONDS**

### **How will bonds be issued?**

The 2008 QZABs must be issued by December 31, 2010; the 2009 QZABs must be issued by December 31, 2011; the 2010 QZABs must be issued by December 31, 2012. The State Public School Building Authority will issue the 2008, 2009 and 2010 QZABs to finance eligible projects on behalf of local school districts, and then lend the proceeds of the QZABs to the participating school districts.

Participating school districts must be willing to authorize a general obligation note with a

maturity structure consistent with the program requirements. Costs of issuance will be allocated pro rata to participants.

### **Internal Revenue Service Requirements**

- A contract must be in place with a third party to spend down at least 10 percent of the bond proceeds within six months after issuance.
- 100 percent of the proceeds must be spent within 3 years of the bond issuance.
- QZAB proceeds are subject to arbitrage rules.
- Issuers are subject to IRS reporting requirements.
- The maximum maturity and the credit rate for QZABs are determined as of the date that there is a binding, written contract for the sale or exchange of the bond. The applicable maximum maturity, the discount rate for determining the maturity, and QZAB credit rate are published for that date by the Bureau of Public Debt on its internet site for State and Local Government Series securities at:  
<https://www.treasurydirect.gov>.

### **SOURCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

Participating school districts should read and thoroughly understand the following documents:

- Title 26, Internal Revenue Service Code, Section 1397E, and
- U.S. Department of Treasury document, 26 CFR Part 1 [TD 8903] RIN 1545-AY01, published in the September 26, 2000 Federal Register,  
<http://www.irs.treas.gov/pub/irs-regs/td8903.pdf>.

Additional information is available from the U.S. Department of Education's Web site at [www.ed.gov](http://www.ed.gov).

### **Contacts**

Internal Revenue Service (202) 622-3980  
Office of Division Counsel/  
Associate Chief Counsel  
Tax Exempt & Government Entities

U.S. Department of Education (202) 401-0907

Pennsylvania Department of Education (717) 787-5480  
Bureau of Budget and Fiscal Management [ra-schoolfacilities@state.pa.us](mailto:ra-schoolfacilities@state.pa.us)  
Division of School Facilities  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 333 Market Street  
Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

**QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM  
(Greater than or Equal to 35% Free and Reduced Lunch)**

<b>AUN</b>	<b>School District</b>	<b>County</b>	<b>2009-10 Free and Reduced Lunch Percent</b>
101260303	Albert Gallatin Area SD	Fayette	64.75%
127040503	Aliquippa SD	Beaver	73.73%
103020603	Allegheny Valley SD	Allegheny	38.30%
106160303	Allegheny-Clarion Valley SD	Clarion	43.14%
121390302	Allentown City SD	Lehigh	74.67%
108070502	Altoona Area SD	Blair	54.73%
127040703	Ambridge Area SD	Beaver	41.45%
114060503	Antietam SD	Berks	36.13%
128030603	Apollo-Ridge SD	Armstrong	44.81%
128030852	Armstrong SD	Armstrong	44.45%
117080503	Athens Area SD	Bradford	42.89%
109530304	Austin Area SD	Potter	50.22%
101630504	Avella Area SD	Washington	38.14%
110141003	Bald Eagle Area SD	Centre	37.11%
108051003	Bedford Area SD	Bedford	38.38%
122091002	Bensalem Township SD	Bucks	35.74%
116191004	Benton Area SD	Columbia	41.07%
101630903	Bentworth SD	Washington	37.25%
108561003	Berlin Brothersvalley SD	Somerset	39.05%
116191103	Berwick Area SD	Columbia	44.01%
120481002	Bethlehem Area SD	Northampton	51.01%
101631003	Bethlehem-Center SD	Washington	42.41%
127041503	Big Beaver Falls Area SD	Beaver	66.69%
108110603	Blacklick Valley SD	Cambria	49.08%
128321103	Blairsville-Saltsburg SD	Indiana	48.21%
116191203	Bloomsburg Area SD	Columbia	43.78%
119581003	Blue Ridge SD	Susquehanna	51.28%
109420803	Bradford Area SD	McKean	44.16%
103021453	Brentwood Borough SD	Allegheny	37.80%
122091303	Bristol Borough SD	Bucks	61.14%
122091352	Bristol Township SD	Bucks	50.20%
106330703	Brockway Area SD	Jefferson	41.18%
106330803	Brookville Area SD	Jefferson	40.34%
101260803	Brownsville Area SD	Fayette	66.72%
101631203	Burgettstown Area SD	Washington	35.30%
101631503	California Area SD	Washington	35.18%
109122703	Cameron County SD	Cameron	49.03%
117081003	Canton Area SD	Bradford	49.42%
119351303	Carbondale Area SD	Lackawanna	59.64%
103021603	Carlynton SD	Allegheny	42.24%
101301303	Carmichaels Area SD	Greene	46.95%
121391303	Catasauqua Area SD	Lehigh	39.04%
111291304	Central Fulton SD	Fulton	37.66%
101301403	Central Greene SD	Greene	41.84%
112281302	Chambersburg Area SD	Franklin	40.28%
101631803	Charleroi SD	Washington	45.86%
125231232	Chester-Upland SD	Delaware	70.35%
108051503	Chestnut Ridge SD	Bedford	45.81%
125231303	Chichester SD	Delaware	47.01%
103021903	Clairton City SD	Allegheny	86.55%
108071504	Claysburg Kimmel SD	Blair	55.10%
110171003	Clearfield Area SD	Clearfield	58.95%
124151902	Coatesville Area SD	Chester	40.76%

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113361503	Columbia Borough SD	Lancaster	57.75%
104431304	Commodore Perry SD	Mercer	42.08%
108561803	Conemaugh Township Area SD	Somerset	38.81%
108111403	Conemaugh Valley SD	Cambria	47.17%
105201033	Conneaut SD	Crawford	47.86%
101261302	Connellsville Area SD	Fayette	56.93%
103022103	Cornell SD	Allegheny	62.23%
105251453	Corry Area SD	Erie	57.97%
109531304	Coudersport Area SD	Potter	39.62%
106611303	Cranberry Area SD	Venango	38.15%
105201352	Crawford Central SD	Crawford	45.48%
110171803	Curwensville Area SD	Clearfield	42.06%
107651603	Derry Area SD	Westmoreland	42.71%
106172003	Dubois Area SD	Clearfield	45.09%
103022503	Duquesne City SD	Allegheny	88.55%
103022803	East Allegheny SD	Allegheny	52.51%
120452003	East Stroudsburg Area SD	Monroe	43.61%
120483302	Easton Area SD	Northampton	36.94%
119582503	Elk Lake SD	Susquehanna	42.52%
104372003	Ellwood City Area SD	Lawrence	40.40%
105252602	Erie City SD	Erie	77.44%
108053003	Everett Area SD	Bedford	50.44%
104432503	Farrell Area SD	Mercer	82.12%
108112003	Ferndale Area SD	Cambria	58.36%
111292304	Forbes Road SD	Fulton	45.24%
106272003	Forest Area SD	Forest	49.81%
119583003	Forest City Regional SD	Susquehanna	47.61%
108112203	Forest Hills SD	Cambria	41.38%
101632403	Fort Cherry SD	Washington	36.21%
105253553	Fort Leboeuf SD	Erie	40.60%
106612203	Franklin Area SD	Venango	48.42%
101262903	Frazier SD	Fayette	41.11%
127042853	Freedom Area SD	Beaver	39.56%
109532804	Galeton Area SD	Potter	61.48%
105254053	Girard SD	Erie	42.76%
110173003	Glendale SD	Clearfield	50.78%
108112502	Greater Johnstown SD	Cambria	76.94%
118402603	Greater Nanticoke Area SD	Luzerne	51.23%
107653203	Greensburg Salem SD	Westmoreland	42.94%
104432803	Greenville Area SD	Mercer	36.90%
118403003	Hanover Area SD	Luzerne	51.71%
112672803	Hanover Public SD	York	42.18%
110173504	Harmony Area SD	Clearfield	56.92%
115222752	Harrisburg City SD	Dauphin	87.41%
118403302	Hazleton Area SD	Luzerne	58.12%
103024753	Highlands SD	Allegheny	50.59%
128323303	Homer-Center SD	Indiana	44.99%
111312503	Huntingdon Area SD	Huntingdon	40.14%
105256553	Iroquois SD	Erie	53.43%
104433604	Jamestown Area SD	Mercer	43.62%
107654103	Jeannette City SD	Westmoreland	60.20%
101303503	Jefferson-Morgan SD	Greene	42.15%
117414003	Jersey Shore Area SD	Lycoming	39.31%

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121135003	Jim Thorpe Area SD	Carbon	42.39%
109243503	Johnsonburg Area SD	Elk	46.48%
111343603	Juniata County SD	Juniata	36.49%
111312804	Juniata Valley SD	Huntingdon	39.51%
109422303	Kane Area SD	McKean	41.18%
104103603	Karns City Area SD	Butler	40.38%
110183602	Keystone Central SD	Clinton	49.26%
106166503	Keystone SD	Clarion	42.30%
104433903	Lakeview SD	Mercer	35.82%
113364002	Lancaster SD	Lancaster	77.08%
101264003	Laurel Highlands SD	Fayette	54.91%
113384603	Lebanon SD	Lebanon	72.09%
128034503	Leechburg Area SD	Armstrong	35.38%
121135503	Lehigh Area SD	Carbon	35.52%
107654903	Ligonier Valley SD	Westmoreland	35.92%
116493503	Line Mountain SD	Northumberland	35.50%
129544503	Mahanoy Area SD	Schuylkill	63.35%
128325203	Marion Center Area SD	Indiana	44.45%
101633903	McGuffey SD	Washington	40.22%
103026002	Mckeesport Area SD	Allegheny	66.81%
108565203	Meyersdale Area SD	Somerset	39.74%
119355503	Mid Valley SD	Lackawanna	41.86%
116555003	Midd-West SD	Snyder	42.52%
127045303	Midland Borough SD	Beaver	67.80%
111444602	Mifflin County SD	Mifflin	44.86%
116195004	Millville Area SD	Columbia	40.40%
116495003	Milton Area SD	Northumberland	50.78%
129544703	Minersville Area SD	Schuylkill	43.56%
107655803	Monessen City SD	Westmoreland	71.47%
104105353	Moniteau SD	Butler	39.88%
117415004	Montgomery Area SD	Lycoming	36.70%
119584503	Montrose Area SD	Susquehanna	36.75%
122097203	Morrisville Borough SD	Bucks	48.76%
110175003	Moshannon Valley SD	Clearfield	39.98%
116495103	Mount Carmel Area SD	Northumberland	57.44%
107655903	Mount Pleasant Area SD	Westmoreland	40.40%
111316003	Mount Union Area SD	Huntingdon	52.21%
119584603	Mountain View SD	Susquehanna	43.07%
114065503	Muhlenberg SD	Berks	36.62%
127045653	New Brighton Area SD	Beaver	50.67%
104375302	New Castle Area SD	Lawrence	62.34%
107656303	New Kensington-Arnold SD	Westmoreland	55.64%
115504003	Newport SD	Perry	40.37%
123465602	Norristown Area SD	Montgomery	64.70%
106167504	North Clarion County SD	Clarion	39.73%
105258303	North East SD	Erie	36.83%
129545003	North Schuylkill SD	Schuylkill	38.90%
108565503	North Star SD	Somerset	50.08%
117083004	Northeast Bradford SD	Bradford	40.17%
112674403	Northeastern York SD	York	37.51%
108056004	Northern Bedford County SD	Bedford	40.54%
108114503	Northern Cambria SD	Cambria	46.12%
121394503	Northern Lehigh SD	Lehigh	37.30%

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109535504	Northern Potter SD	Potter	52.52%
117596003	Northern Tioga SD	Tioga	51.49%
103026873	Northgate SD	Allegheny	44.44%
118406003	Northwest Area SD	Luzerne	36.29%
105258503	Northwestern SD	Erie	47.67%
106616203	Oil City Area SD	Venango	52.17%
109537504	Oswayo Valley SD	Potter	48.28%
109426003	Otto-Eldred SD	McKean	50.52%
121136603	Panther Valley SD	Carbon	55.39%
108116003	Penn Cambria SD	Cambria	36.76%
103027352	Penn Hills SD	Allegheny	50.01%
105204703	Penncrest SD	Crawford	40.51%
128326303	Penns Manor Area SD	Indiana	46.15%
113365303	Pequea Valley SD	Lancaster	37.22%
126515001	Philadelphia City SD	Philadelphia	76.68%
110177003	Philipsburg-Osceola Area SD	Clearfield	45.44%
129546003	Pine Grove Area SD	Schuylkill	35.73%
102027451	Pittsburgh SD	Allegheny	71.50%
118406602	Pittston Area SD	Luzerne	36.50%
120455403	Pocono Mountain SD	Monroe	46.41%
109426303	Port Allegany SD	McKean	45.15%
108116303	Portage Area SD	Cambria	49.18%
123466403	Pottstown SD	Montgomery	63.73%
129546103	Pottsville Area SD	Schuylkill	50.40%
106338003	Punxsutawney Area SD	Jefferson	42.80%
128327303	Purchase Line SD	Indiana	56.08%
114067002	Reading SD	Berks	89.58%
106168003	Redbank Valley SD	Clarion	42.38%
104435303	Reynolds SD	Mercer	49.19%
109246003	Ridgway Area SD	Elk	44.05%
101637002	Ringgold SD	Washington	41.26%
119357003	Riverside SD	Lackawanna	41.53%
127046903	Rochester Area SD	Beaver	63.22%
108566303	Rockwood Area SD	Somerset	37.73%
129546803	Saint Clair Area SD	Schuylkill	52.21%
109248003	Saint Marys Area SD	Elk	37.01%
108567004	Salisbury-Elk Lick SD	Somerset	39.58%
117086003	Sayre Area SD	Bradford	48.57%
129547303	Schuylkill Haven Area SD	Schuylkill	37.75%
119357402	Scranton SD	Lackawanna	58.17%
116557103	Selinsgrove Area SD	Snyder	35.45%
108567204	Shade-Central City SD	Somerset	44.21%
116496503	Shamokin Area SD	Northumberland	64.78%
108567404	Shanksville-Stonycreek SD	Somerset	35.56%
104435603	Sharon City SD	Mercer	66.07%
129547203	Shenandoah Valley SD	Schuylkill	66.75%
116496603	Shikellamy SD	Northumberland	41.35%
109427503	Smethport Area SD	McKean	40.43%
108567703	Somerset Area SD	Somerset	37.96%
103028653	South Allegheny SD	Allegheny	45.92%
125238402	Southeast Delco SD	Delaware	61.71%
101306503	Southeastern Greene SD	Greene	59.17%
111297504	Southern Fulton SD	Fulton	44.36%

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111317503	Southern Huntingdon County SD	Huntingdon	42.53%
117597003	Southern Tioga SD	Tioga	45.07%
107657503	Southmoreland SD	Westmoreland	44.75%
108077503	Spring Cove SD	Blair	37.08%
103028833	Steel Valley SD	Allegheny	56.69%
115228003	Steeltown-Highspire SD	Dauphin	70.41%
103028853	Sto-Rox SD	Allegheny	83.42%
119586503	Susquehanna Community SD	Susquehanna	53.95%
106617203	Titusville Area SD	Venango	50.69%
117086503	Towanda Area SD	Bradford	44.11%
117086653	Troy Area SD	Bradford	45.63%
118667503	Tunkhannock Area SD	Wyoming	44.66%
108568404	Turkeyfoot Valley Area SD	Somerset	49.37%
108058003	Tussey Mountain SD	Bedford	53.80%
108078003	Tyrone Area SD	Blair	42.58%
104377003	Union Area SD	Lawrence	40.36%
105259103	Union City Area SD	Erie	56.51%
106169003	Union SD	Clarion	46.04%
101268003	Uniontown Area SD	Fayette	53.27%
128328003	United SD	Indiana	43.85%
112018523	Upper Adams SD	Adams	40.61%
125239452	Upper Darby SD	Delaware	51.01%
106618603	Valley Grove SD	Venango	51.72%
119648303	Wallenpaupack Area SD	Pike	48.96%
105628302	Warren County SD	Warren	39.16%
101638803	Washington SD	Washington	63.02%
119648703	Wayne Highlands SD	Wayne	37.88%
112289003	Waynesboro Area SD	Franklin	35.09%
121139004	Weatherly Area SD	Carbon	41.37%
117598503	Wellsboro Area SD	Tioga	37.41%
110179003	West Branch Area SD	Clearfield	45.57%
101308503	West Greene SD	Greene	49.69%
103029603	West Mifflin Area SD	Allegheny	41.73%
127049303	Western Beaver County SD	Beaver	40.79%
119648903	Western Wayne SD	Wayne	43.61%
121397803	Whitehall-Coplay SD	Lehigh	35.89%
118408852	Wilkes-Barre Area SD	Luzerne	63.15%
103029803	Wilkesburg Borough SD	Allegheny	80.65%
125239652	William Penn SD	Delaware	62.89%
129548803	Williams Valley SD	Schuylkill	39.94%
108079004	Williamsburg Community SD	Blair	48.35%
117417202	Williamsport Area SD	Lycoming	61.89%
108569103	Windber Area SD	Somerset	39.88%
103029902	Woodland Hills SD	Allegheny	69.73%
117089003	Wyalusing Area SD	Bradford	41.52%
118409302	Wyoming Valley West SD	Luzerne	54.96%
112679002	York City SD	York	84.91%
107658903	Yough SD	Westmoreland	43.10%

## QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM APPLICATION (1 OF 2)

INSTRUCTIONS: One signed copy of this application must be submitted for each school building for which a QZAB allocation is being requested. Applications should be submitted to: PA Department of Education, Division of School Facilities, 4th Floor, 333 Market Street, Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333. Any questions regarding the completion of this form should be directed to the Division at (717) 787-5480 or at ra-schoolfacilities@state.pa.us.

**School District Name:**

**Project Building/Site Name:**

**Project Building/Site Address:**

**Contact Person and Title:**

**Telephone Number - Ext.:**

**FAX Number:**

**Email Address of Contact Person:**

**Grades Housed** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Estimated Bid Opening Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

**Estimated Construction Start Date:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Month/Year

### PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Briefly describe the work to be completed by this project.

### PROJECT COST AND QZAB REQUEST

**DOLLAR AMOUNT**

- |  |          |
|--|----------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Renovate, repair or rehabilitate the public school facility in which the academy is established.  | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide equipment for use at the academy.   | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Provide up-to-date technology or instructional materials<br><small>(only if intended use can be classified as a capital asset under the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA). Refer to the definition of a project under LGUDA or consult with the Department of Community and Economic Development.)</small> | \$ _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe on attached sheets)   | \$ _____ |

**TOTAL QZAB REQUEST**  
for this school building only

\_\_\_\_\_

### QZAB PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

**School district project must address one or more of the following objectives.**

**Check all that apply and attach a detailed description of how each checked objective will be met.**

- Creating sustainable schools (increasing energy efficiency, improving energy and water conservation, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, improving indoor environmental quality, and reducing waste)
- Creating space within an existing building's footprint for high-quality pre-school, full-day kindergarten, and/or reducing class size in the early grades
- Creating space within an existing building's footprint for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs
- Correcting health and safety deficiencies, including school building security upgrades and building code violations

## QUALIFIED ZONE ACADEMY BOND PROGRAM APPLICATION (2 OF 2)

SCHOOL DISTRICT NAME:

PROJECT BUILDING/SITE NAME:

### QZAB CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY -- THE FOLLOWING FOUR CRITERIA MUST BE MET:

**CRITERIA 1: SCHOOL BUILDING - STUDENT ELIGIBILITY** (check box if criteria has been met)

- As of the date of issuance of the bonds, there is a reasonable expectation that at least 35 percent of the students attending the project school building will be eligible for free or reduced-cost lunches under the school lunch program established under the National School Lunch Act.  
For the project building, indicate the percent of students eligible in School Year 2009-2010 \_\_\_\_\_%.

**CRITERIA 2: PRIVATE BUSINESS CONTRIBUTION** (check box if criteria has been met)

- The school district has written commitments from private entities to make qualified contributions having a present value (as the date of the issuance of the bond issue) of not less than 10 percent of the proceeds of the bond issue. **Written verification from private entities must be attached.**

**CRITERIA 3: CHARACTERISTICS OF THE PROGRAM/EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVE** (check box if criteria has been met) **A detailed description of the educational initiative being proposed must be attached.**

- The project school or program is designed in cooperation with business to enhance the academic curriculum, increase graduation and employment rates, and to better prepare students for the rigors of college and the increasingly complex workforce, and
- Students in the academy are subject to the same academic standards and assessments as other students educated by the local school system, and
- The comprehensive education plan of the school or program is approved by the school district.

**CRITERIA 4: USE OF BOND PROCEEDS** (check box if criteria has been met)

- A written monthly spending plan associated with the proposed project and/or program is attached to this application.

### SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION (Check box to indicate documents attached to this application.)

- Detailed description of the project and/or program, and how the QZAB program objectives, identified on Page 1 of this application, will be met.
- Written verification of private business contributions. Written commitments must provide specifics on the type of contributions, such as equipment for use in the program, technical assistance in developing curriculum to promote market-driven technology in the classroom, volunteer mentors, internships, cash, etc.
- Detailed description of the educational initiative being proposed under the program. Describe how the proposed use of qualified zone academy bonds supports the proposed educational initiative.
- Written monthly spending plan associated with the proposed project and/or program.

### BOARD CERTIFICATION

The Board hereby certifies that 100 percent of the available project proceeds of the QZAB issue will be used for the renovation, repair or rehabilitation of a public school facility or for equipment to be used at the academy, which support the academic program being proposed, or for up-to-date technology or instructional materials if the intended use can be classified as a capital asset under the Local Government Unit Debt Act (LGUDA).  
The Board certifies that the information in this application and the attached documentation are true and correct.

BOARD ACTION DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

VOTING: AYE \_\_\_\_ NAY \_\_\_\_ ABSTENTIONS \_\_\_\_ ABSENT \_\_\_\_

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Signature, Board Secretary

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Board Secretary's Name, Printed or Typed