

Project Title	2006 Agency Priority Ranking	Agency Project Request for State Funds (\$ by Session)				Governor's Recommendations 2006	Governor's Planning Estimate	
		2006	2008	2010	Total		2008	2010
Asset Preservation	1	\$3,860	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$11,860	\$0	\$0	\$0
MSAD Frechette Renovation	2	5,100	0	0	5,100	0	0	0
Roads and Parking	3	1,480	0	0	1,480	0	0	0
West Wing Noyes Phase Two	4	1,586	0	0	1,586	0	0	0
<b>Total Project Requests</b>		\$12,026	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$20,026	\$0	\$0	\$0

**Asset Preservation**

**2006 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST:** \$3,860,000

**AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY:** 1 of 4

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Minnesota State Academies Campuses, Faribault

**Project At A Glance**

Minnesota State Academies (MSA) Asset Preservation

◆ Sidewalk Replacement	both campuses	\$85,000
◆ Road Repair	both campuses	\$100,000
◆ Tunnel Repair	MSAD	\$345,000
◆ Drainage System	Mott Hall	\$250,000
◆ Roof Replacement	Smith Hall	\$540,000
◆ Roof Replacement	Quinn Hall	\$540,000
◆ Building Preservation	Pollard Hall	\$2,000,000

**Project Description**

The MSA for the Deaf and the Blind are requesting \$3.8 million for asset preservation at both campuses. The MSA is a small agency with 15 major buildings that were constructed between 1890 and 1983. While the buildings continue to serve deaf or blind students, maintenance repairs are necessary to preserve the facilities. Funding is needed to meet code requirements and address deferred maintenance issues that cannot be financed with other sources. High priorities include roof, door and window replacements, air quality, and installation of fire protection systems. The need for this project results from the use of the MSA facilities to provide legally mandated programs for deaf and blind students, deferred maintenance, changes in life/safety regulations, and the aging of the building materials and systems.

The current level of repair and replacement funding available in the MSA operating budget cannot meet these asset preservation needs.

Failure to address these needs in a timely fashion will lead directly to the deterioration of the physical plant, additional expense to the state, safety hazards, and energy inefficient buildings. Benefits for completing the projects include safer and improved facilities to provide educational services to students and to local education districts throughout Minnesota.

The Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) and the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) contribute to educational options available to school districts. Programs provided by the Academies are either not available or too expensive for local school districts. The goal of the Academies is to produce self-sufficient and productive citizens and includes both the core curriculum like that provided by any public school and disability-specific curriculum required by students to gain access to their learning environments.

**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)**

There will be no significant impact on operating costs as a result of these improvements.

**Previous Appropriations for this Project**

Asset Preservation in 2002	\$2.06 million
Asset Preservation in 2005	\$4.2 million

The MSA received \$4.2 million in asset preservation monies in 2005. This included three air quality projects, asbestos removal a fire protection project, chiller replacement and a roof replacement. The current list of asset preservation projects developed by agency staff is estimated to cost \$6 million.

**Other Considerations**

Addressing these needs would assist the Academies in becoming more proactive regarding long-range planning, instead of focusing on inefficient short-term fixes to problems. The requested funding will assist the Academies in addressing many long deferred but important maintenance concerns which do not fall within the limits of other funding available to the MSA.

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**Governor's Recommendations (To be completed by the Department of Finance at a later date)**

**MSAD Frechette Renovation**

**2006 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST:** \$5,100,000

**AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY:** 2 of 4

**PROJECT LOCATION:**

**Project At A Glance**

The Minnesota State Academies are requesting \$5.1 million to renovate Frechette Hall on the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf campus. This building functions as the boys residence hall, was built in 1967 and has a square footage of 33,670.

**Project Description**

This request for renovation is necessary to meet the needs of the students who reside at the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf. This space needs to be reconfigured and improved so that students have privacy in their living areas while still providing staff with the ability to supervise.

Components of this project include the following:

- ⇒ A new electrical system
  - ◆ Currently the electricity is built in to the furniture in many areas.
  - ◆ Wiring is poor
  - ◆ Lighting is dim in many areas
- ⇒ A new HVAC system
  - ◆ Only parts of Frechette are currently air-conditioned.
  - ◆ Building temperature is difficult to regulate
- ⇒ New windows to improve energy efficiency and stop the drafts.
- ⇒ Plumbing upgrades are necessary to replace old piping and stop the leaks.
  - ◆ Shower stalls are not private; individual shower stalls are needed.

- ◆ The bathroom areas are visible from the halls and stairways, not providing necessary privacy for students.
- ◆ Laundry facilities need to be located in the living areas.
- ⇒ Removal of fireplace in the commons area and elimination of the sunken seating area which is a safety hazard- especially for deaf people.
- ⇒ Addition of a recreational space for the students to utilize during inclement weather.
- ⇒ Repair of the Scout Cabin (bring up to code) so that this building can be utilized.

**Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)**

The recreation area will slightly increase the operating costs due to the additional square footage.

**Previous Appropriations for this Project**

**Other Considerations**

Frechette Hall has not had any major work done to it since it was built in 1967. The living areas need to be reconfigured to best utilize the spaces and also provide for the safety and necessary privacy of students.

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## Roads and Parking

**2006 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST:** \$1,480,000

**AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY:** 3 of 4

**PROJECT LOCATION:** Minnesota State Academies Campus - Faribault

#### Project At A Glance

- ◆ Safety Improvements for the Minnesota State Academies.
- ◆ The Minnesota State Academies is seeking \$1.5 million for the construction of a new roadway around the perimeter of the Minnesota State Academy for the Blind (MSAB) campus, construction of a new garage, and parking space for both campuses.

These improvements are necessary to provide for the safety needs of both the deaf and the blind students served based on state and federal law. The Academies serve students from all regions of the state, providing services for school districts that are either unavailable or prohibitively expensive to provide in local communities.

#### Project Description

The components of this project include the following:

- ◆ A new perimeter road around the back portion of the MSAB property removing the current road from the playground area. Major delivery vehicles and automobiles would circumvent student activity areas.
- ◆ A new perimeter road around the west side of the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) campus removing the traffic from the center campus play area, the George Hanson Green.
- ◆ New parking space to remove traffic from roadways that students use as play areas.
- ◆ A new vehicle garage on the MSAB campus for up to 10 vans and vehicles to protect the state's assets and serve as a space to store tools as well as a space for maintenance to work.

- ◆ Greater independence and safer environments for students' mandated Individualized Education Plans.

This project is aimed at correcting long-term safety concerns based on:

- ◆ removing traffic from student play and travel areas;
- ◆ providing work storage and work space for maintenance of state equipment; and
- ◆ placing parking in more secure locations.

The current situation fails to meet safety standards. Students with sensory impairments often miss auditory and visual cues necessary to alert them of dangerous situations. Roadways are part of the playground area at both campuses and pose an ongoing safety concern.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

Energy expenses created by this project can be handled within the current operating budget.

#### Other Considerations

This project has been present in the long-term strategic capital improvement plan (under different titles) for the past eight years. The project also provides prerequisite components for future projects included in the Master Plan by providing access to projected independent living facilities and dormitory facilities on the MSAB campus. It also meets the requirements for present and future projects of the Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped as outlined in their capital improvement plan.

This project achieves our highest priority of meeting student safety needs for present and future students.

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## West Wing Noyes Phase Two

**2006 STATE APPROPRIATION REQUEST:** \$1,586,000

**AGENCY PROJECT PRIORITY:** 4 of 4

**PROJECT LOCATION:** MSAD Campus - Faribault

#### Project At A Glance

- ◆ \$1.6 million to complete the renovation of Noyes Hall on the Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf (MSAD) campus. This project is the last one necessary to complete the renovation of this historic building.

#### Project Description

This request is for renovation of the auditorium space in the building which connects the east and west wings together. This auditorium is used on a regular basis for the following types of activities:

- ◆ student pep rallies, dances, and assemblies
- ◆ large staff meetings
- ◆ in-service workshops
- ◆ special events
- ◆ graduation
- ◆ drama and theater performances
- ◆ student science fairs and exhibits
- ◆ speech and oratorical contests

This phase II project will improve air quality with the addition of a new HVAC system. The project also includes improvements to sight lines and lighting, window treatments and the use of natural light, addition of a sound system and auditory supports as well as acoustical improvements. New seating with inclined flooring will improve the sight lines as will the use of natural lighting and new auditorium lighting. These enhancements will solve long-standing problems specific to those in the audience who are deaf/hard of hearing or

blind/visually impaired. Currently the space functions poorly for blind people acoustically and for deaf people visually.

#### Impact on Agency Operating Budgets (Facilities Notes)

The new HVAC system should be more efficient so this project should not impact the operating budget of the Academies.

#### Previous Appropriations for this Project

\$2.066 million was appropriated in Laws 2000, Chapter 492 for the first phase of the Noyes Hall renovation.

#### Other Considerations

Noyes Hall is a historic building on the National Historic Registry. Both its east and west wings have been renovated. The original construction of Noyes Hall began in 1903 after the legislature granted \$25,000 for the purpose of constructing a new school building. In 1904, the east wing of Noyes Hall was completed and occupied, with remodeling occurring in FY 1994-95. The west wing of Noyes Hall was added in 1907, completed in 1908, and renovation was completed in the fall of 2002.

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