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The School bond Qualification and Loan Program's new cost per square foot parameters, effective for preliminary qualification applications submitted after June 30, 2008, for new construction are as follows:

1. \$166 per square foot for school districts located in out-state Michigan. Note that this rate is the same as last year due to a change in our calculation methodology. The rate is derived from RS Means historical cost indexes for 6 major Michigan cities.
2. \$180 per square foot for school districts located in the Detroit-Warren-Flint Combined Statistical Area (CSA), which includes the following counties: Washtenaw, Lapeer, Livingston, Macomb, Oakland, St. Clair, Wayne, Genesee and Monroe. This rate is based on the RS Means historical cost index for Detroit.

Applications that contain new construction projects where the cost per square foot exceeds these parameters require additional documentation. This documentation should be transmitted in the form of a signed letter from the architect or construction manager. This letter should identify the specific building project and provide an explanation of the special circumstances of that project that caused the variance and be submitted along with the official preliminary qualification application.