



**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Board of Education Report**

<b>Report Number:</b>	259- 12/13
<b>Date:</b>	May 14, 2013
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve a Campus-Wide Fire Alarm Project at Verdugo Hills High School
<b>Responsible Staff:</b>	
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**BOARD REPORT**

**Action Proposed:**

Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve a campus-wide fire alarm project at Verdugo Hills High School.

**Background:**

A Board approved project to convert existing classrooms into a new computer lab and three state-of-the-art science labs at Verdugo Hills High School is currently in pre-construction. The plans and specifications have been submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for review. However, in order for the project to move forward, the school's manual fire alarm system must be upgraded to a campus-wide fully automatic fire alarm system per DSA requirements. In addition to the project referenced above, three completed projects at this campus require a campus-wide fully automatic fire alarm system in order to be certified by DSA. The completed New Media Academy, grandstand replacement, and flexible science lab conversion projects are all pending DSA certification.

**Expected Outcomes:**

Approval of the proposed action will allow staff to undertake a project to provide Verdugo Hills High School with a fully automatic fire alarm system. Approval will also result in DSA approval of the Board approved project to provide a computer lab and three state-of-the-art science labs as well as the certification of three completed projects at this school.

**Board Options and Consequences:**

If the Board approves the proposed action, staff will proceed with the design and subsequent construction of a campus-wide fire alarm project at Verdugo Hills High School. Approval will allow for DSA approval of the pending computer/science lab project and DSA certification of the completed New Media Academy, grandstand replacement and science lab conversion projects at this site.

If the Board does not approve the proposed action, Verdugo Hills High School will continue to operate with a manual fire alarm system. Additionally, DSA approval will not be granted on the pending computer/science lab project nor will certification be granted on three



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completed projects undertaken at the school. As a result, the computer/science lab project will not be able to proceed into construction and the District will be unable to undertake any other new projects at this school site.

- Policy Implications:** The requested action does not change current District policies. It helps facilitate the Board adopted FSD-SEP.
- Budget Impact:** The budget for this project is \$3,934,036. It will be funded by Bond Program funds earmarked for fire alarm upgrades at existing campuses.
- Issues and Analysis:** The DSA's primary role is to ensure that California's K-12 schools and community colleges are seismically safe and accessible to all students. It fulfills this role by approving and certifying new school construction and modernization projects for structural safety, fire and life safety, accessibility and compliance with all related building codes, laws and regulations.

DSA approval ensures that project plans and specifications comply with the Field Act. For projects requiring DSA review, a school district cannot award a construction contract without DSA stamped plans. DSA certified inspectors confirm that structures are built to code and are safe for occupancy. The final major milestone of the "close-out" of a new school construction or modernization project is DSA certification. It is an administrative component that confirms an educational building has been constructed in accordance with approved plans and specifications, all the proper documents have been filed, and all fees have been paid. Without DSA certification of a project previously undertaken at a school, a new project cannot be undertaken at that school.

**Bond Oversight  
Committee  
Recommendations:**

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on April 17, 2013. The BOC adopted the attached resolution by a vote of 12 ayes and 0 nays.

Staff has concluded that this proposed FSD-SEP amendment will help facilitate implementation of the FSD-SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the FSD-SEP.

**Attachments:  
Informative  
Desegregation  
Impact Statement**

- BOC Resolution



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Respectfully submitted,

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General Counsel

Approved as to form.

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PRESENTED BY:

Approved as to budget impact statement.

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RESOLUTION 2013-13

BOARD REPORT NO. 259-12/13

**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC  
EXECUTION PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE A CAMPUS-WIDE FIRE ALARM  
PROJECT AT VERDUGO HILLS HIGH SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, District staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) approve an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve a campus-wide fire alarm project at Verdugo Hills High School as described in attached Board Report No. 259-12/13 (the "Project");

WHEREAS, a Board approved project to convert existing classrooms into a new computer lab and three state-of-the-art science labs at Verdugo Hills High School is currently in pre-construction and the plans and specifications have been submitted to the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for review; and

WHEREAS, in order for the project to move forward, the school's manual fire alarm system must be upgraded to a campus-wide fully automatic fire alarm system per DSA requirements; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the project referenced above, three completed projects at this campus require a campus-wide fully automatic fire alarm system in order to be certified by DSA. The completed New Media Academy, grandstand replacement, and flexible science lab conversion projects are all pending DSA certification; and

WHEREAS, the budget for this project is \$3,934,036. It will be funded by Bond Program funds earmarked for fire alarm upgrades at existing campuses; and

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Approve a Campus-Wide Fire Alarm Project at Verdugo Hills High School  
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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- 1- The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to define and approve a campus-wide fire alarm project at Verdugo Hills High School as described in attached Board Report No. 259-12/13.
- 2- This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
- 3- That a written response as required by the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the Board be provided to the Oversight Committee within 30 days, reporting either on action taken or proposed to be taken in response to this resolution and each recommendation herein.

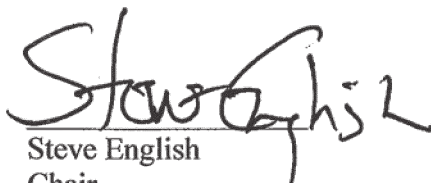
ADOPTED on April 17, 2013 by the following vote:

AYES: 12

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2

  
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Chair

  
Pamela Schmidt  
Vice Chair