



Board of Education Report

File #: Rep-074-20/21, **Version:** 1

Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve the Career Technical Education Clear Vision Studio Project at Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies Magnet

November 10, 2020

Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve a Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities project at the Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (VOCES) Magnet for an arts, media and entertainment studio in support of its CTE Pathway towards production and managerial arts education. Staff further proposes that the Board authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the proposed VOCES Magnet CTE Clear Vision Studio Project (Project), including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials. The total project budget is \$2,300,000 and funding includes Bond Program funds and State matching funds.

Background:

In 2016, the voters of California approved State Proposition 51, and with it \$500 Million for the CTE Facilities Program (CTEFP). The Program is designed to provide, on a competitive basis, 50 percent of the anticipated project costs associated with the scope preliminarily approved by the State. District-developed CTE facilities projects provide resources to support CTE instructional programs that prepare students for a technical career or a higher education program upon graduation.

In order to be considered for State CTEFP funding, school districts must submit a Board-approved proposal for each CTE instructional program and a scope of work for the associated facilities project being submitted for State funding. If upon review of a submitted application, the State provides preliminary approval of funding, Division of the State Architect (DSA) and California Department of Education (CDE) approval of the construction plans must be secured and submitted to the Office of Public School Construction (OPSC) before funding is apportioned and ultimately released.

In accordance with the grant application submission requirements outlined by the CDE, in October 2018, the Board approved multiple CTE instructional program proposals, including a proposal at Sun Valley High School, now VOCES Magnet, for modernization of existing facilities in support of its Production and Managerial Arts CTE Pathway (Board Report No. 088-18/19). The State has reserved funds for this grant application, and Board approval is now required in order to proceed to construction.

VOCES Magnet CTE Clear Vision Studio Project. The Project includes upgrading three existing classrooms into a recording studio, projection room and media classroom. This work includes ADA accessibility upgrades, as necessary. The Project also includes specialized technology, equipment and furnishings in support of the arts, media and entertainment instructional programs.

The total project budget is \$2,300,000, which includes funds already expended for the DSA-approved design required to receive apportionment of State Proposition 51 funds. The project is funded by a combination of Bond Program funds and State CTEFP matching funds. Construction is anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2021 and be completed in the third quarter of 2021.

VOCES is located within the boundaries of the Sun Valley Community of Schools, Local District Northeast and Board District 6 (Kelly Gonez).

Expected Outcomes:

Board approval of this proposed action will enable facilities investments that support the CTE instructional program at the VOCES Magnet to commence. The District will also be able to secure up to \$1,150,000 in State CTEFP matching funds.

Board Options and Consequences:

Approval of the proposed action will enable staff to proceed with the VOCES CTE Clear Vision Studio Project. If the Board does not approve the proposed action, the Project will not move forward as State CTEFP funds can only be released once the Board defines and approves the Project and the subsequent available local matching funds is provided. Without State CTEFP matching funds, alternative funding would need to be identified to fully fund the Project.

Policy Implications:

These actions are consistent with the District's commitment to address unmet school facilities needs, provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment and to create and support quality schools.

Budget Impact:

The total project budget is \$2,300,000, which will be funded by Bond Program funds targeted specifically for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support specialized instructional programs, a contribution of \$750,000 by Local District Northeast Priority funds and up to \$1,150,000 State CTEFP matching funds depending on final eligible costs. This action does not impact General Funds.

Student Impact:

The Project, once complete, will provide current and future VOCES Magnet students with comprehensive career technical facilities in support of the school's Production and Managerial Arts Pathway with a rigorous curriculum that weaves together academic and career skills, while incorporating applied learning across disciplines. The VOCES CTE Clear Vision Studio will train and equip students in all facets of production and managerial arts, including content production, directing, cinematography, grip and electric work, film musical scoring, production design and video editing. Student content creators will obtain essential skills and training that prepare them for postsecondary and higher academics, as well as help maximize their employment opportunities within the arts, media, and entertainment industry.

Issues and Analysis:

Approval of the proposed action will enable the District to further leverage local Bond Program funds and increase its facilities investment in CTE programs.

CTE facilities projects are developed to support instructional programs, however, as a result of the long-term neglect of the District's school facilities there are still many unfunded capital needs throughout the District,

including those directly connected to the safety of school buildings and students. As such, standalone CTE facilities projects are only brought to the Board for consideration once the application is approved by the State for funding. Whenever possible, CTE scope is incorporated into new school construction and large modernization projects in order to leverage the local Bond Program funds allocated to these projects to serve as the required 50 percent local funding match.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on October 29, 2020. 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:

Attachment A - BOC Resolution

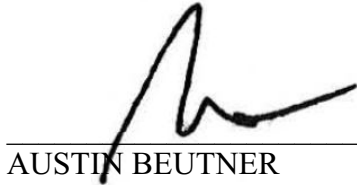
Informatives:

Not applicable.

Submitted:

10/23/20

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



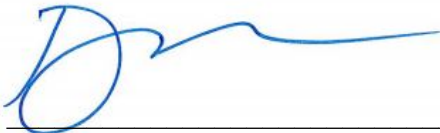
AUSTIN BEUTNER
Superintendent

APPROVED BY:



MEGAN K. REILLY
Deputy Superintendent
Business Services & Operations

REVIEWED BY:



DEVORA NAVERA REED
Interim General Counsel

Approved as to form.

APPROVED BY:



MARK HOVATTER
Chief of Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

REVIEWED BY:



TONY ATIENZA
Director, Budget Services and Financial Planning

Approved as to budget impact statement.

PRESENTED BY:



ROBERT LAUGHTON
Director of Maintenance and Operations
Facilities Services Division

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Rachel Greene, Chair

Tenth District PTSA

Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller, Vice-Chair

LAUSD Student Parent

Chris Hannan, Secretary

L.A. Co. Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

Margaret Fuentes, Executive Committee

LAUSD Student Parent

Araceli Sandoval-Gonzalez, Executive Committee

Early Education Coalition

Tracy Bartley31st District PTSA**Neelura Bell**

CA Charter School Association

Jeffrey Fischbach

CA Tax Reform Assn.

Melanie Freeland

American Institute of Architects

Greg Good

L.A. City Mayor's Office

Karen Krygier

L.A. City Controller's Office

Dolores Sobalvarro

AARP

Alvin Trotter, Jr.

L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

Roger Uy

Assoc. General Contractors of CA

Guy Zelenski

L.A. Co. Auditor-Controller's Office

Celia Ayala (Alternate)

Early Education Coalition

Dr. Clarence Monteclaro (Alternate)

Tenth District PTSA

Connie Yee (Alternate)

L.A. Co. Auditor-Controller's Office

Joseph P. Buchman – Legal Counsel

Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

Lori Raineri and Keith Weaver – Oversight**Consultants**

Government Financial Strategies

Timothy Popejoy

Bond Oversight Administrator

Perla Zittle

BOC Staff

RESOLUTION 2020-23**BOARD REPORT NO. 074-20/21**

**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC
EXECUTION PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE CAREER TECHNICAL
EDUCATION CLEAR VISION STUDIO PROJECT AT VALLEY OAKS CENTER FOR
ENRICHED STUDIES MAGNET**

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 Career Technical Education (CTE) facilities project at the Valley Oaks Center for Enriched Studies (VOCES) Magnet in support of its Production and Managerial Arts CTE Pathway, and further proposes that the Board authorize staff to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the proposed VOCES Magnet Career Technical Education Clear Vision Studio Project (Project), including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, In 2016, the voters of California approved State Proposition 51, and with it \$500 Million for the CTE Facilities Program (CTEFP). The CTEFP is designed to provide, on a competitive basis, 50 percent of the anticipated project costs associated with the scope preliminarily approved by the State; and

WHEREAS, The Project includes upgrading three existing classrooms into a recording studio, projection room and media classroom. This work includes Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and accessibility upgrades, as necessary. The Project also includes specialized technology, equipment and furnishings in support of the arts, media and entertainment instructional programs; and

WHEREAS, The project budget is \$2,300,000, which will be funded by Bond Program funds targeted specifically for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support specialized instructional programs, a contribution of \$750,000 by Local District Northeast Priority funds and up to \$1,150,000 State CTEFP matching funds depending on final eligible costs. This action does not impact General Funds; and

**RESOLUTION 2020-23
AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION
PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE CAREER TECHNICAL EDUCATION CLEAR
VISION STUDIO PROJECT AT VALLEY OAKS CENTER FOR ENRICHED STUDIES
MAGNET**

WHEREAS, The Project will provide comprehensive career technical facilities in which to train and equip VOCES Magnet student content creators in all facets of production and managerial arts; and

WHEREAS, CTE facilities projects are developed to support instructional programs, however, as a result of the long-term neglect of the District's school facilities there are still many unfunded capital needs throughout the District, including those directly connected to the safety of school buildings and students. As such, standalone CTE facilities projects are only brought to the Board for consideration once apportionment is received. Whenever possible, CTE scope is incorporated into new school construction and large modernization projects in order to leverage the local Bond Program funds allocated to these projects to serve as the required 50 percent local funding match; and

WHEREAS, Staff's proposal is consistent with the District's commitment to address unmet school facilities needs, provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment and to create and support quality schools; and

WHEREAS, Staff has concluded that the proposed 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board adopt an amendment to the FSD SEP VOCES Magnet Career Technical Education Clear Vision Studio Project with a budget of \$2,300,000, as described in Board Report No. 074-20/21, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference.
2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Oversight Committee's website.
3. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection, or pending status of the recommendations as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the District.

ADOPTED on October 29, 2020, by the following vote:

AYES: 13

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 2

/Rachel Greene/

Rachel Greene
Chair

/Bevin Ashenmiller/

Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller
Vice-Chair