



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Report Number:	023-15/16
Date:	September 1, 2015
Subject:	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve the Girls Academic Leadership Academy Upgrade Project at Los Angeles High School
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BOARD REPORT

Action Proposed: Staff proposes that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to define and approve the Girls Academic Leadership Academy (GALA) upgrade project at Los Angeles High School, and authorize the Chief Facilities Executive, and/or his designee, to make any associated purchases.

The GALA upgrade project will reconfigure and upgrade a standalone building at Los Angeles High school to allow for a separate and distinct space for the operation of the Board-approved GALA school. The project will include converting an existing classroom into administrative space, providing signage and telecommunication infrastructure upgrades, and equipping the facility with furniture, fixtures and equipment. Construction is anticipated to begin in June 2016 and be completed by August 2016.

Background: On April 14, 2015, the Board conditionally approved the establishment of GALA at Los Angeles High School. Approval was conditioned upon the State Board of Education's (SBE) approval of a waiver to enable the District to operate a single gender school. On June 18, 2015, the California Department of Education (CDE) replied to the District's waiver request and stated that as long as the District ensures the school complies with state and federal statutory and Constitutional requirements regarding nondiscrimination that a waiver is not needed. Accordingly, the condition for the approval of GALA is no longer applicable.

The school is scheduled to begin in the 2016-17 school year. The project is located in Local District West and Board District 1 (George McKenna).



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- Expected Outcomes:** Staff anticipates that the Board of Education will approve the proposed action to approve the GALA upgrade project at Los Angeles High School. The proposed project will allow GALA to successfully and safely operate their separate instructional program in a standalone building on the Los Angeles High School campus, with minimal interference and disruption to their respective educational programs.
- Board Options and Consequences:** Approval of this proposed action will enable staff to utilize Bond Program funds and proceed with the project. If this project is not approved, the District will need to identify another funding source for the project and the implementation of the GALA upgrade project may be delayed.
- Policy Implications:** The proposed project is consistent with the District's commitment to address unmet school facility needs, provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment, and support specialized instructional opportunities to its students.
- Budget Impact:** The total project budget is \$231,500. Bond Program funds targeted specifically for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support specialized instructional programs in the School Upgrade Program will be used to fund approximately \$178,000 and the remaining \$53,500 will be funded with General Funds.
- Issues and Analysis:** The GALA upgrade project includes 14 classrooms and one administrative space in a standalone building at the Los Angeles High School. The 14 classrooms are anticipated to be able to accommodate up to 475 students. Should GALA's program grow into a 6-12 school serving 700 students, additional classrooms (approximately six at current loading standards) would need to be identified on the campus for GALA's exclusive use in the future. The school will also require a County-District School (CDS) code and the CDS application will be submitted to the State in the Fall of 2015.
- Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:** This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on August 20, 2015. Staff has concluded that this 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.



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Attachments: None

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