



Board of Education Report

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Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve Three Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects

October 1, 2019

Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve three Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects at Harbor City Elementary School, Holmes Middle School and White Middle School, as described on Attachment A. The total combined budget for these projects is \$300,000.

Background:

On June 18, 2013, the Board of Education amended the FSD-SEP to establish the SEEDS program and allocate \$5,000,000 for the development of future projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school and community led efforts. There are two components to the SEEDS program. The first component is development of the outdoor learning space constructed by the District and includes capital investments, such as asphalt removal, installation of irrigation and utilities, and any associated testing and inspection. The second component, which is essential to the success of each project, is the collaboration with a school site and/or partner organization that will outfit the outdoor learning space with the plant materials and landscaping features that align with the school's instructional vision and program.

Potential projects are identified through proposals submitted by schools, and or partners. A school site by itself, or in cooperation with a partner organization, may submit a SEEDS application to receive up to \$100,000 to create or improve an outdoor learning space. District staff evaluated proposals based on the specific criteria and requirements outlined in the SEEDS program guide to ensure each proposal meets the eligibility requirements. Proposals must include a written project narrative describing the project scope, an explanation of how the project will be integrated into the school's curriculum, and confirmation of the availability of resources to outfit and maintain the outdoor learning space. The recommended projects have been reviewed and have been found to comply with the program requirements.

Presently, the SEEDS Program has approximately \$800,000 remaining for new projects. Potential projects are currently being reviewed by staff for feasibility and equitable distribution throughout the District. New applications are no longer being accepted at this time.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of this proposed action will enable staff to proceed with the design and construction of these three projects. Approval of these greening projects will improve the learning environment for students, teachers and staff, increase sustainability, and enhance the outdoor school environment.

Board Options and Consequences:

Approval of this proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to execute these projects that support educational programs related to nutrition, health, literacy, math and science. If these projects are not approved, the school sites will not benefit from the creation of these outdoor learning spaces.

Policy Implications:

The proposed action is consistent with the District's long-term goal to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with safe and healthy learning environments. It is also aligned with the goals and principles of the School Upgrade Program, which was approved by the Board of Education on January 14, 2014. Furthermore, it supports the *Expand Sustainable Schoolyards and Environmental Initiatives and Curriculum* Board Resolution adopted on April 16, 2013.

Budget Impact:

The combined project budget for the three proposed projects is \$300,000. The proposed projects will be funded by Bond Program funds associated with the School Upgrade Program, earmarked specifically to "Leverage Partnerships to Provide After School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities."

Student Impact:

The proposed SEEDS projects at Harbor City Elementary School, Holmes Middle School and White Middle School, once completed, will provide outdoor learning spaces that create environments for student-centered, experiential, and engaged learning. These SEEDS learning gardens will facilitate educational programs related to nutrition, health, literacy, math and science and may also be used during recess and lunch-time by the students. These projects also encourage and support community, student and parent engagement through the creation of partnerships that help establish and maintain the newly developed garden spaces.

Issues and Analysis:

In order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or their partner organization must enter into a Maintenance Agreement that provides for the on-going maintenance of the proposed outdoor learning space.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on September 19, 2019. 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 - Three SEEDS Projects
Attachment B - BOC Resolution

Informatives:

None.

Submitted:

9/13/19

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



AUSTIN BEUTNER
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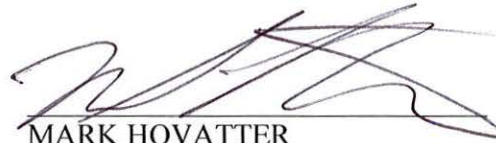
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Board of Education Report ATTACHMENT A

Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS)

Local District	BD	School Name	Partner Organization	Project Description	Project Budget*	Est. Schedule	
						Start	Finish
South	7	Harbor City Elementary School	School	Construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 2,300 square feet. Project includes the removal of asphalt and installation of headers to create in-ground planting areas, the installation of solar reflective coating on asphalt, new automated irrigation system for both in-ground and raised bed areas, raised beds and benches, tables and storage unit. The project will be outfitted by the school site with both native and edible plants.	\$100,000	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
Northwest	3	Holmes Middle School	School	Construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 3,300 square feet. Includes the installation of decomposed granite, headers to create in-ground planting areas, a new automated irrigation system, trees, raised beds, log benches and stools and an outdoor chalkboard. The project will be outfitted by the school site with native and edible plants.	\$100,000	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
South	7	White Middle School	Pando Populus/City of Carson	Construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 3,500 square feet. Project includes the installation of decomposed granite, headers to create new in-ground planting areas, a bioswale, new automated irrigation system, benches, tables and an outdoor chalkboard. The project will be outfitted by the school site and partner organizations with native plants.	\$100,000	Q2 2020	Q3 2020
TOTAL					\$300,000		

*Project budget reflects the design services and improvements undertaken by the District. The outfitting and maintenance of the outdoor learning space will be provided by the school site community and/or partner organization.

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RESOLUTION 2019-29

BOARD REPORT NO. 059-19/20

AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THREE SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (SEEDS) PROJECTS

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve three Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects at Harbor City Elementary School, Holmes Middle School and White Middle School as defined in Board Report 059-19/20, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference, which has a total budget of \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2013, the Board of Education amended the FSD SEP to establish the SEEDS program and allocate \$5,000,000 for the development of future projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school and community led efforts; and

WHEREAS, District Staff evaluated proposals based on the specific criteria and requirements outlined in the SEEDS program guide to ensure each proposal meets the eligibility requirements and proposals must include a written project narrative describing the project scope, an explanation of how the project will be integrated into the school's curriculum, and confirmation of the availability of resources to outfit and maintain the outdoor learning space and the projects being recommended were reviewed and are found to be in compliance with the program requirements; and

Bond Oversight Committee

**RESOLUTION 2019-29
AMENDMENT TO THE FSD SEP TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THREE
SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR
SCHOOLS (SEEDS) PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, District Staff represents that the proposed projects will be funded by Bond Program funds associated with the School Upgrade Program, earmarked specifically to “Leverage Partnerships to Provide After School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities;” and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or its partner organization must enter into a Maintenance Agreement that provides for the ongoing maintenance of the proposed outdoor learning space; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that the proposed SEP amendment will 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 Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan to define and approve three Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects at Harbor City Elementary School, Holmes Middle School and White Middle School as defined in Board Report 059-19/20, 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 September 19, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 1

NAYS: 1

ABSENCES: 2



Rachel Greene
Chair



Bevin Ashenmiller
Vice-Chair