

## Board of Education Report

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### **Define and Approve Two Early Education Center Playground Matting Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

**February 8, 2022**

**Facilities Services Division and Early Childhood Education Division**

#### **Action Proposed:**

Define and approve two playground matting projects, at the following schools, as described in Attachment A, and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein:

1. Miles Early Education Center
2. Wadsworth Early Education Center

The total combined budget for the two projects is \$309,377.

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 projects, including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials.

#### **Background:**

The School Upgrade Program (SUP) - the current phase of the Los Angeles Unified School District's (Los Angeles Unified or District) Bond Program - supports the development of projects that upgrade, modernize, and replace aging and deteriorating school facilities, update technology, and address facilities inequities to order to help improve student health, safety and educational quality. The SUP includes a spending target entitled "*Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions.*" Projects developed under this category of need are included in the Facilities SEP.

Early Education Centers (EECs) offer high quality developmentally appropriate preschool programs that address the social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs of Los Angeles Unified's youngest students. An important component of a quality preschool program involves the outdoor learning environment. EECs provide opportunities for play and discovery that are an integral part of the school day.

Staff's proposal includes projects to replace deteriorated playground matting systems at two EECs, as described in Attachment A. The sites were identified by Early Childhood Education Division and Facilities staff following a Districtwide assessment of playground conditions at EECs. Playground matting systems in the worst condition, especially those that may pose a safety hazard, are being addressed first.

#### **Expected Outcomes:**

Staff anticipates the Board of Education will define and approve two playground matting projects (Attachment A) and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed projects.

**Board Options and Consequences:**

Adoption of the proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to implement proposed projects. If staff's proposal is not approved, Bond funds will not be expended, and the schools' facilities needs and safety concerns will remain unaddressed.

**Policy Implications:**

This action is consistent with the District's commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment.

**Budget Impact:**

The total combined budget for the two projects is \$309,377. The projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions.

Each project budget was prepared based on the current information known, and assumptions about, the project scope, site conditions, and market conditions. Individual project budgets will be reviewed throughout the planning, design, and construction phases as new information becomes known or unforeseen conditions arise and will be adjusted accordingly to enable the successful completion of each project.

**Student Impact:**

The proposed projects in this Board Report were developed to upgrade and improve Early Childhood Education facilities; once complete, the projects will enhance the safety and educational quality of our youngest students' outdoor play and learning environment.

**Equity Impact:**

Please see attached impact statement.

**Issues and Analysis:**

Playground surfacing is one of the most critical factors in reducing the severity of injuries as a result of falls. The existing playground matting systems at the proposed sites are severely damaged or deteriorated beyond economical repair and pose a potential safety hazard. The new matting systems will improve safety at the identified sites and provide usable playground space for the District's youngest learners.

**Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation:**

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizen's Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on January 27, 2022. Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment is in alignment with BOC recommendations and will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully implement the Facilities SEP.

**Attachments:**

Attachment A: Playground Matting Projects

Attachment B: BOC Resolution

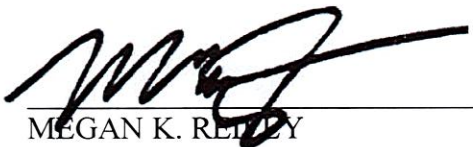
**Informatives:**

None.

**Submitted:**

1/21/22

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

  
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ROBERT LAUGHTON  
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**INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE**  
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*Equity Impact Statement\*\**

**TO:** Members, Board of Education  
Megan K. Reilly, Interim Superintendent

**DATE:** January 21, 2022

**FROM:** Mark Hovatter, Chief Facilities Executive

**SUBJECT: BR-191-21/22 DEFINE AND APPROVE TWO EARLY EDUCATION CENTER PLAYGROUND MATTING PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

<b>Board Meeting Date:</b>	<b>2/8/2022</b>
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<b>Equity Impact</b>				
<b>Component</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Recognition</b>	Does not recognize historical inequities	Vaguely recognizes historical inequities	Affirmatively recognizes historical inequities	Actively recognizes and specifies historical inequities to correct
<b>Resource Prioritization</b>	Does not prioritize resources based on student need	Somewhat prioritizes resources based on student need	Prioritizes resources based on student need	Effectively prioritizes resources based on student need
<b>Results</b>	Unlikely to result in closed opportunity gaps and/or closing achievement gaps	May result in closed opportunity gaps and/or closing achievement gaps	Likely to result in closed opportunity gaps and/or closing achievement gaps	Extremely likely to result in closed opportunity gaps and/or closing achievement gaps

<b>Component</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>Score Rationale</b>
<b>Recognition</b>	<b>3</b>	An important component of a quality preschool program involves the outdoor learning environment. Early Education Centers (EECs) provide opportunities for outdoor play and discovery that are an integral part of the school day. As such, playground surfacing is one of the most critical factors in reducing the severity of injuries as a result of falls. The playground matting conditions at the proposed project sites are deteriorated and continues to degrade. The proposed projects will address these conditions by providing new playground tile matting.
<b>Resource Prioritization</b>	<b>4</b>	The existing playground matting systems at the proposed sites are severely damaged or deteriorated beyond economical repair and pose a potential safety hazard. The sites were identified by Early Childhood Education Division and Facilities staff following a Districtwide assessment of playground conditions at

Component	Score	Score Rationale
		EECs. Playground matting systems in the worst condition, especially those that may pose a safety hazard, are being addressed first.
<b>Results</b>	<b>3</b>	The EEC playground matting projects will improve the safety of the schools' outdoor environments and provide the District's youngest learners with enhanced opportunities to engage in play and learning activities on the upgraded playground areas.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10</b>	

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*\*\*Form to be completed for Districtwide or partial Districtwide Board Report items that expend resources.*



# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Board of Education Report

### Attachment A

#### 1. Miles EEC – Playground Matting Project

- *Local District East, Board District 5 – Goldberg*
- *Project Background and Scope* – This project will provide approximately 900 sq. ft. of new playground matting. The scope of work will remove deteriorated poured-in-place play mattings and concrete curb and replace with new tile matting and install new concrete curb flush with grade. Additionally, approximately 250 sq. ft. of deteriorated playground matting will be replaced with and a reading garden, including furniture.
- *Project Budget* -- \$111,013
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2 2022 and conclude in Q3 2022.

#### 2. Wadsworth EEC – Playground Matting Project

- *Local District Central, Board District 5 – Goldberg*
- *Project Background and Scope* – This project will provide approximately 2,400 sq. ft. of new playground matting. The scope of work will remove deteriorated poured-in-place play mattings and replace with new tile mattings.
- *Project Budget* -- \$198,364
- *Project Schedule* – Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2 2022 and conclude in Q3 2022.

## LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

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## RESOLUTION 2022-08

## BOARD REPORT NO. 191-21/22

**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE TWO EARLY EDUCATION CENTER PLAYGROUND MATTING PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) define and approve two playground matting projects, (as described in Board Report No. 191-21/22), and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein; and

WHEREAS, District Staff also requests that the Board authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s), to execute all instruments necessary to implement the Project, including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, The School Upgrade Program (SUP) supports the development of Bond-funded projects that upgrade, modernize, and replace aging and deteriorating school facilities, update technology, and address facilities inequities to order to help improve student health, safety and educational quality. The SUP includes a spending target entitled " *Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions.*" Projects developed under this category of need are included in the Facilities SEP; and

WHEREAS, Early Education Centers (EECs) offer high quality developmentally appropriate preschool programs that address the social, emotional, physical and cognitive needs of the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified or District)'s youngest students. An important component of a quality preschool program involves the outdoor learning environment. EECS provide opportunities for play and discovery that are an integral part of the school day.; and

**RESOLUTION 2022-08****RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE  
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CENTER PLAYGROUND MATTING PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES  
SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, Playground surfacing is one of the most critical factors in reducing the severity of injuries as a result of falls. The existing playground matting systems at Miles EEC and Wadsworth EEC are severely damaged or deteriorated beyond economical repair and pose a potential safety hazard. Providing new playground matting will improve playground safety at the proposed sites; and

WHEREAS, The total combined budget for the two playground matting projects is \$309,377. The projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions; and

WHEREAS, This action is consistent with the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified or District)'s commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment, as described in Los Angeles Unified local bond measures; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully complete the Facilities SEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education define and approve two playground matting projects, with a combined budget of \$309,377, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 191-21/22, 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 January 27, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 14

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 1

*/Rachel Greene/*

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Rachel Greene  
Chair

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Vice-Chair