



Board of Education Report

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In Control: Facilities

Define and Approve Four Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein Facilities Services Division and Eco-Sustainability Office

Brief Description:

(Define and Approve Four Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein) Recommends to approve four Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects totaling \$650,000 at four elementary schools (Latona Avenue, Oxnard, San Antonio, and Van Nuys) and authorize staff to execute all necessary implementation instruments.

Action Proposed:

- 1) Define and approve four SEEDS Projects at Latona Avenue Elementary School, Oxnard Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Van Nuys Elementary School (Projects), as described in Exhibit A, and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The total combined budget for the four proposed Projects is \$650,000.
- 2) Authorize the Chief Facilities Executive, Chief Procurement Officer, and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the proposed SEEDS Projects, including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials.

Background:

The SEEDS Program supports the development of projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school-based and community-led efforts (Program). There are two components to the Program:

1. Development of the outdoor learning space constructed by Los Angeles Unified includes capital investments, such as asphalt removal, installation of irrigation and utilities, and any associated testing and inspection.
2. 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. This component is essential to the success of each project.

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. An additional \$50,000 is available to schools ranked in the top 150 on the Los Angeles Unified Greening Index of schools in need of green space as published in August 2022 (Greening Index).

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The Greening Index ranks the four schools as follows: Latona Avenue Elementary School (356), Oxnard Elementary School (104), San Antonio Elementary School (204), and Van Nuys Elementary School (310). Therefore, Oxnard Elementary School is eligible for the additional \$50,000 allocation.

District staff evaluates the 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 included in this Board Report have been reviewed and have been found to comply with the program requirements, including feasibility and equitable distribution throughout the District.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on September 4, 2025, as referenced in Exhibit B. The presentation that was provided is included as Exhibit C. 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.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of this proposed action will enable staff to proceed with the design and construction of these four proposed 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 proposed Projects that support educational programs related to nutrition, health, literacy, math, and science. If these proposed 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 the unmet needs of school facilities and provide students with safe and healthy learning environments. The action is also aligned with Board Resolutions that reiterate Los Angeles Unified's commitment to creating green learning spaces (Expand Sustainable Schoolyards and Environmental Initiatives and Curriculum Board Resolution, Creating New School Gardens and Campus and Community-Shared Green Spaces to Provide Outdoor Learning Opportunities and Create Sustainable and Healthy Environments, and Green Schools for All: Equitable Funding and Expansion of Green Spaces across District Campuses). The proposed action advances Los Angeles Unified's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Pillar 2 Joy and Wellness Welcoming Learning Environments by developing safe and sustainable green spaces, outdoor learning environments, and shaded areas at schools.

Budget Impact:

The combined project budget for the four proposed Projects is \$650,000. The Projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked in the School Upgrade Program (SUP), specifically for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency.

The project budget for Latona Avenue Elementary School includes a contribution of \$200,000 from Bond Program funds earmarked for Board District Priority Projects in Board District 2 which will be transferred to

funds earmarked in the SUP for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency.

Student Impact:

The proposed SEEDS projects at Latona Avenue Elementary School, Oxnard Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Van Nuys Elementary School 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 lunchtime by approximately 1,300 current and future students. These proposed 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.

Equity Impact:

Potential projects are identified through proposals submitted by schools and/or partners. A school by itself, or in cooperation with a partner organization, may submit an application for a SEEDS project for up to \$100,000. Schools ranked in the top 150 on the Greening Index will receive an additional \$50,000 for their SEEDS project. One of the four proposed Projects included in this Board Report qualifies for this additional funding.

Issues and Analysis:

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.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects

Exhibit B - BOC Resolution

Exhibit C - BOC Presentation

Submitted:

08/21/25

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


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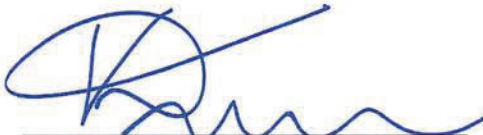
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EXHIBIT A
Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects

Item	Board District	Region	School	Partner Organization	Schoolyard % Green	Project Description	Project Budget ¹	Anticipated Construction Start	Anticipated Construction Completion
1	2	E	Latona Avenue ES ²	North East Trees	3.73%	Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,050 square feet. The project includes the removal of an existing portable building and asphalt, and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, picnic tables with umbrellas, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch. The project includes a contribution of \$200,000 of Board District Priority funds from Board District 2. The partner organization, North East Trees, will support the project by providing native plants and assisting with planting.	\$300,000	Q4-2026	Q3-2027
2	3	N	Van Nuys ES	School	11.92%	Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 1,900 square feet. The project includes the removal of asphalt and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.	\$100,000	Q4-2026	Q3-2027
3	5	E	San Antonio ES	School	15.34%	Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,310 square feet. The project includes the addition of raised planter beds, new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.	\$100,000	Q4-2026	Q3-2027
4	6	N	Oxnard ES	School	7.79%	Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,480 square feet. The project includes the removal of asphalt and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.	\$150,000	Q4-2026	Q3-2027
TOTAL							\$650,000		

¹ 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.

² The budget for Latona Avenue ES includes \$100,000 of SEEDS funds and a contribution of \$200,000 of Board District Priority funds from Board District 2.

Greening Index:

Latona Avenue Elementary School Greening Index Rank No. 356

Oxnard Elementary School Greening Index Rank No. 104

San Antonio Elementary School Greening Index Rank No. 204

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RESOLUTION 2025-35**BOARD REPORT 044-25/26****RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE FOUR SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (SEEDS) PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes the Board of Education define and approve four Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects at Latona Avenue Elementary School, Oxnard Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Van Nuys Elementary School (Projects), which have a total combined budget of \$650,000, and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein, as defined in Board Report No. 044-25/26; and

WHEREAS, The SEEDS Program was established to support the development of projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school-based and community-led efforts (Program); and

WHEREAS, 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. An additional \$50,000 is available to schools ranked in the top 150 on the Los Angeles Unified Greening Index of schools in need of green space as published in August 2022 (Greening Index); and

WHEREAS, The Los Angeles Unified Greening Index ranks Latona Avenue Elementary School (356), Oxnard Elementary School (104), San Antonio Elementary School (204), and Van Nuys Elementary School (310); and

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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

WHEREAS, The combined project budget for the four proposed Projects is \$650,000. The Projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, The project budget for Latona Avenue Elementary School includes a contribution of \$200,000 from Bond Program funds earmarked for Board District Priority Projects in Board District 2 which will be transferred to funds earmarked in the SUP for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency; 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, the District's Office of the General Counsel has reviewed the proposed Projects and determined that they may proceed to the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) for consideration and recommendation to the Board of Education; 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 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) recommends the Board of Education define and approve four SEEDS Projects at Latona Avenue Elementary School, Oxnard Elementary School, San Antonio Elementary School, and Van Nuys Elementary School, with a total combined budget of \$650,000, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as defined in Board Report No. 044-25/26, 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.

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ADOPTED on September 4, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 3

/Michael Hamner/

D. Michael Hamner
Chair

/Robert Campbell/

Robert Campbell
Vice-Chair



Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects

Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
September 4, 2025

Facilities Services Division and Eco-Sustainability Office

Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS)

Overview

- SEEDS projects provide outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school and community led efforts
- The program provides the infrastructure and site work needed, such as asphalt removal, irrigation systems, and soils testing, to make the site “garden ready”
- The school site and/or partner outfits the outdoor learning space with the plant materials and landscaping features that align with the school’s instructional vision and program to move towards 30% green/natural schoolyards
- 116 SEEDS projects have been approved by the Board of Education
 - 80 projects have been completed
 - 4 under construction
 - 32 pending construction start



Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS)

Funding

- Originally provided up to \$25,000 to projects
- In 2015, increased to \$35,000
- In 2016, increased to \$100,000
- In 2022, an additional \$50,000 was made available to SEEDS+ schools

Selection Criteria

- Schools are selected by request (schools submit an application)
- LAUSD determines if there is a feasible location and whether there is a greening project or other significant exterior projects planned for the site
- SEEDS+ are those ranked in the top 150 in the LAUSD Greening Index



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Latona Elementary School

SEEDS Garden Project

Project Scope:

- Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,050 square feet.
- The project includes the removal of an existing portable building and asphalt, and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, picnic tables with umbrellas, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.

Enrollment: 148

Construction Schedule:

Q4-2026 to Q3-2027

Project Budget: \$300,000



Concept – Subject to Change

Van Nuys Elementary School

SEEDS Garden Project

Project Scope:

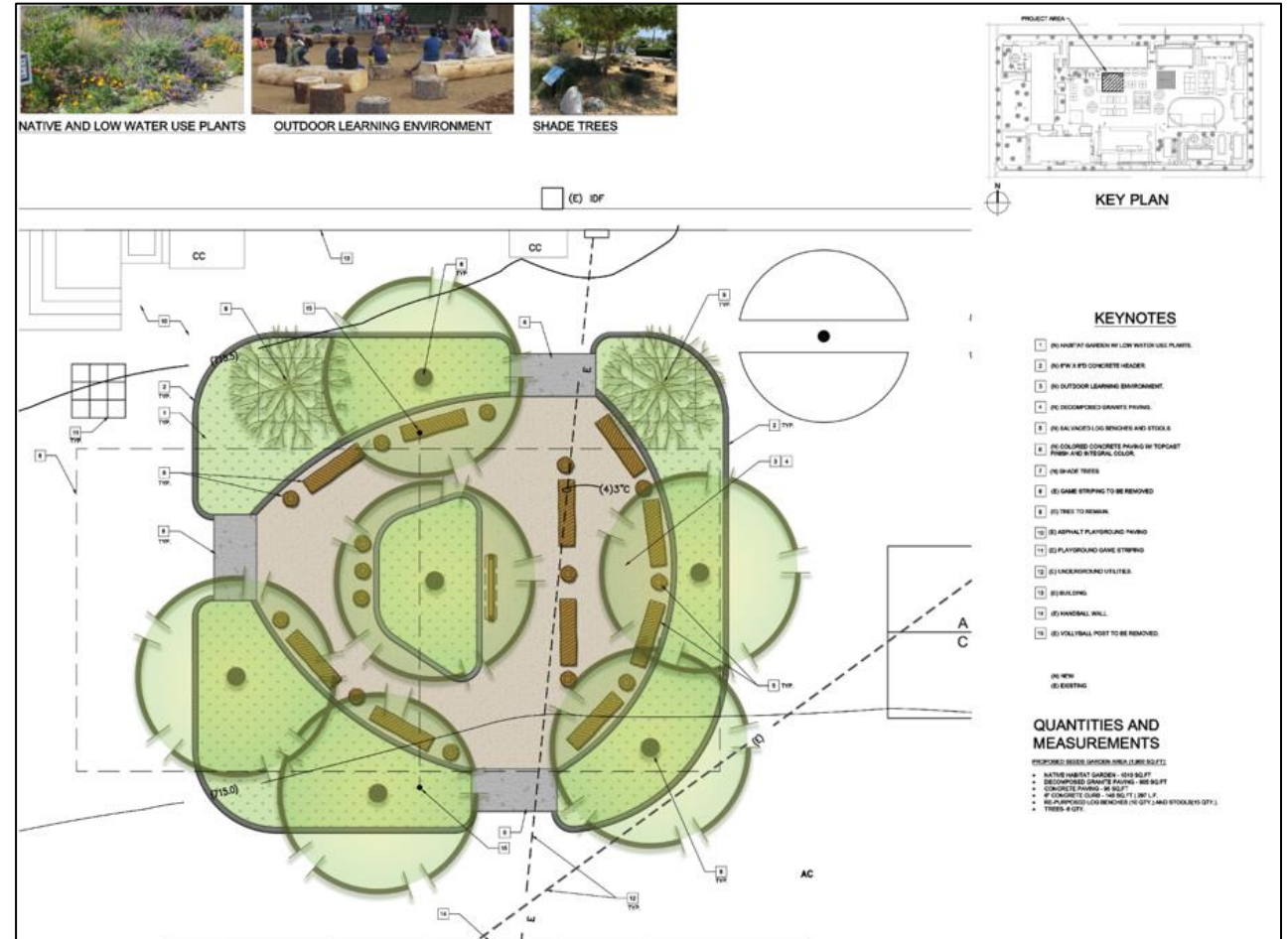
- Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 1,900 square feet.
- The project includes the removal of asphalt and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.

Enrollment: 457

Construction Schedule:

Q4-2026 to Q3-2027

Project Budget: \$100,000



Concept – Subject to Change

San Antonio Elementary School

SEEDS Garden Project

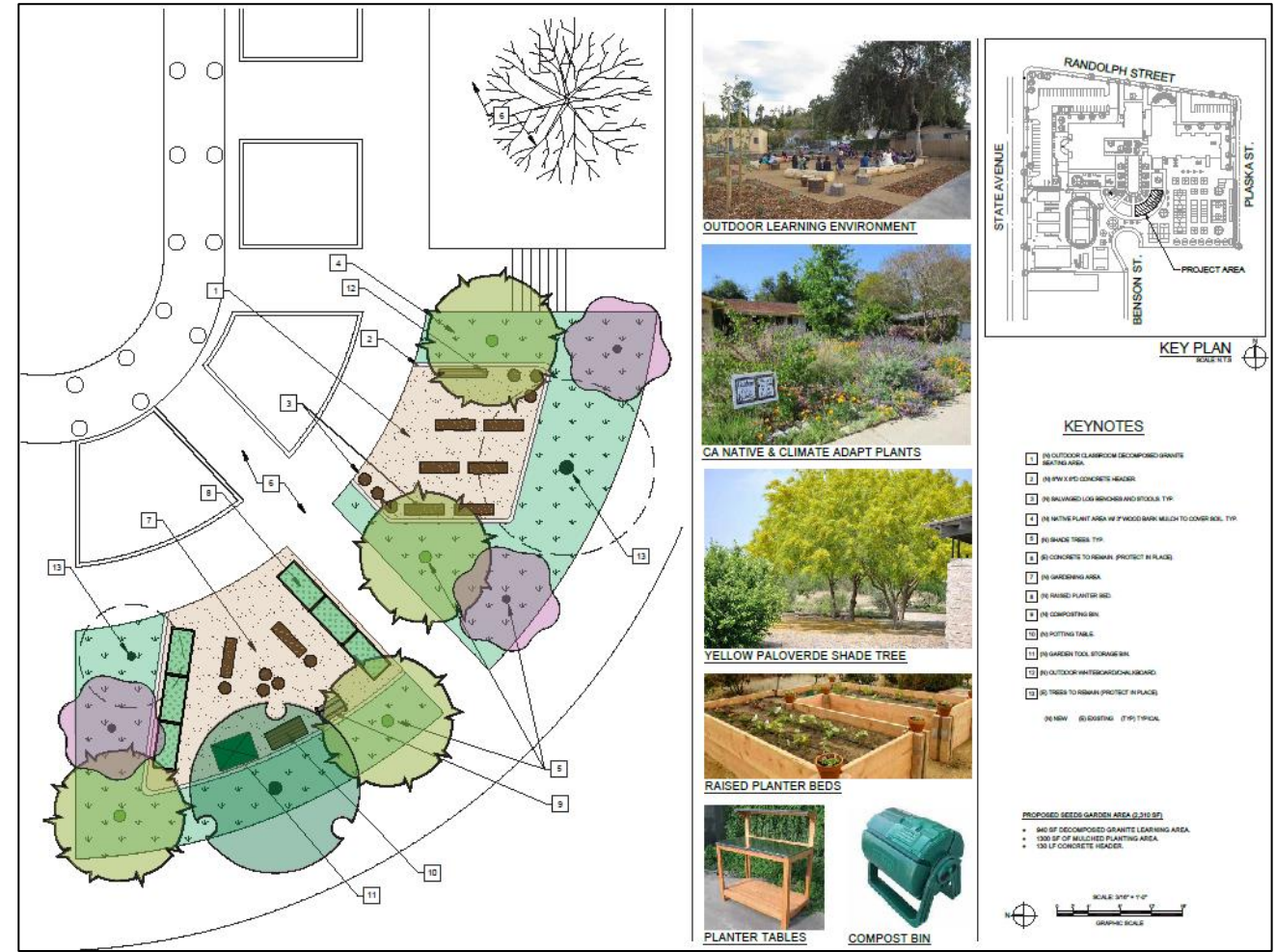
Project Scope:

- Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,310 square feet.
- The project includes the addition of raised planter beds, new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.

Enrollment: 425

Construction Schedule:
Q4-2026 to Q3-2027

Project Budget: \$100,000



Concept – Subject to Change

Oxnard Elementary School

SEEDS Garden Project

Project Scope:

- Construct an outdoor learning environment of approximately 2,480 square feet.
- The project includes the removal of asphalt and the addition of new decomposed granite, salvaged log benches and stools, and native planting areas with shade trees and mulch.

Enrollment: 299

Construction Schedule:
Q4-2026 to Q3-2027

Project Budget: \$150,000



Concept – Subject to Change

Questions?