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**RESOLUTION 2025-27**

**ADOPTION OF FINAL REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOC AD HOC  
SUBCOMMITTEE (TASK FORCE) REGARDING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
DISTRICT'S *GREEN SCHOOLYARDS FOR ALL* RESOLUTION AND PLAN**

WHEREAS, On August 1, 2024, the LAUSD School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) adopted Resolution 2024-26, "Appointment of a BOC Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Task Force) Regarding the Implementation of the District's *Green Schoolyards for All* Resolution and Plan;"

WHEREAS, the BOC Chair, appointed member Aleigh Lewis to serve as Chair of the Task Force, and appointed the following individuals to the Task Force: Aleigh Lewis, Chair (BOC Member), Patrick MacFarlane (BOC Member, Executive Committee), Sandra Betts (BOC Member), William Ross IV (BOC Member), Michael Hamner, FAIA (ex officio, BOC Chair), Dr. Bevin Ashenmiller (BOC Alternate Member), Teresa Dahl (citizen member);

WHEREAS, the primary objective of the BOE Green Schools for All policy resolution was "to create environments where students feel safe, welcome, and excited to learn, and to implement a strategy that includes developing safe and sustainable green spaces, outdoor learning environments, and shaded areas at each school;"

WHEREAS, BOC Resolution 2024-26 establishing the Task Force begins by stating that the District's bond program, since its inception with Prop BB in 1998, has supported projects and campus investments that increase the addition and sustainability of natural elements such as natural grass and ground coverings, trees, vegetation and "open space" for the health of students and their communities;

WHEREAS, BOC Resolution 2024-26 goes on to state that the BOC has a clear and express duty to oversee and ensure bond program funds are appropriately and effectively utilized for the environmental purposes outlined in District policy, and has an interest in understanding the management, budgeting, financial and project reporting, and coordination of greening and related projects;

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WHEREAS, as required by the BOC Charter and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the District regularly proposes large-scale modernization, playground, campus exterior, and greening improvement projects for BOC consideration each month. BOC members are charged with a mandate to determine whether proposed projects are both prudent and permissible;

WHEREAS, the BOC Task Force was charged with preparing a Final Report that would identify recommendations for requesting information from District staff to understand how projects are scoped, prioritized, coordinated, budgeted, and constructed to achieve the District's stated policies;

WHEREAS, in executing its charge, the BOC Task Force has presented the BOC with its the *FINAL REPORT: Bond Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Task Force) Regarding the Implementation of the District's Green Schools for All Resolution and Plan, May 22, 2025* (the "Final Report"), for the BOC's consideration;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BOC has considered and accepts the *FINAL REPORT: Bond Oversight Committee Ad Hoc Subcommittee (Task Force) Regarding the Implementation of the District's Green Schools for All Resolution and Plan, May 22, 2025*, including any attachments providing District staff's response to the Report.
2. The BOC adopts the following recommendations from the *Final Report* whereby the intent is that the requested information would be integrated into the project presentations made to the BOC at its regular monthly meetings and/or take the form of separate District presentations related to project implementation and program metrics:
  1. Provide "greening metrics" for each project presented to the BOC that includes the school site's position and percentage of greening on the District's Greening Index, the percentage and square footage of added green space and shade, and, where applicable, the volume of water infiltrated (in acre-feet).
  2. For projects that are not specifically designated "greening projects" (such as exterior site or ADA improvements), consider incorporating greening elements that support the District's broader greening policies and goals.
  3. Where feasible and cost beneficial, the District should consider scoping and designing projects to the most optimal level of greening for each school campus and not limit the scope to only achieving the minimum 30% greening index target.
  4. For projects already considered by the BOC and approved by the BOE prior to the adoption of the Green Schools for All policy in 2022, consider making scope changes to those projects that further the implementation of the policy. This would ensure that current sustainability standards and greening goals are met and that they deliver a consistent, equitable level of environmental benefit across the District.

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5. The BOC requests a presentation from District staff regarding how project greening elements, plantings, and site systems (like irrigation) are designed to achieve maximum sustainability and minimize maintenance costs. Identify any programs or outreach to enlist and work jointly with community groups or organizations to support maintenance efforts at school campuses.
  6. The BOC requests a presentation from District staff that identifies what construction contract strategies may facilitate the preservation of green capital assets at each school site. For instance, can the District purchase extended-year warranties with construction contracts that would maintain and preserve trees and plantings and thus protect the capital investment made in these features?
  7. The BOC requests that the District consider expanding green metrics reporting to incorporate environmental data and inventories (such as those reported by the City of Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, and the State of California) to measure and track school site and regional environmental impacts.
  8. The BOC requests that District staff consider creating a green school inventory of completed projects that possibly includes photo documentation, amount of sequestered CO<sub>2</sub>, reductions in ambient temperatures, the volume of stormwater captured by school site and instructional curricula at various grade levels.
  9. The BOC requests a presentation from District staff regarding community outreach strategies for the development of greening projects and how community input informs project scoping and design at each school site. Completed projects may serve as examples of how community outreach was conducted and its project impacts.
  10. BOC requests a presentation regarding bond funds used to cover third-party greening project costs pursuant to Board of Education Resolution 038-24/25 Strengthening Greening Initiatives through Community Partnerships (2025).
3. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Oversight Committee’s website.
  4. 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 BOC Charter and Memorandum of Understanding.

ADOPTED on May 22, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 9

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

*/Michael Hamner/*

D. Michael Hamner  
Chair

*/Robert Campbell/*

Robert Campbell  
Vice-Chair