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RESOLUTION 2025-08

BOARD REPORT NO. 247-24/25

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL REGARDING PROJECTS TO BE REFINANCED WITH EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROCEEDS AND TO AMEND THE STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, on August 31, 2023, the Los Angeles Unified School District (“District”) executed and delivered its \$384,260,000 Certificates of Participation, 2023 Series A (Sustainability Bonds) (the “2023 COPs”) for the purposes of funding the projects listed in Board Report No. 247-24/25, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by this reference; and

WHEREAS, at an election held on November 5, 2024, the voters of the District approved the District’s Measure US bond proposition (“Measure US”), approving the issuance by the District of not to exceed \$9.0 billion in general obligation bonds, and included the prepayment of the 2023 COPs allocated to bond-approved projects as an allowable use of Measure US bond proceeds; and

WHEREAS, District staff has determined that the refunding of a portion of the 2023 COPs (the “Project”) with Measure US GO bond proceeds is consistent with the District’s commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment; and

WHEREAS, District staff has concluded that the proposed amendments to the Strategic Execution Plans (“SEP”) will facilitate the District’s ability to successfully complete the SEPs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education’s approval of the Project will authorize District staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to undertake the Project in accordance with the provisions set forth in the District’s Measure US; and

WHEREAS, the District Office of General Counsel has reviewed the Project and determined that it may proceed to the School Construction Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee (“BOC”) for its consideration for recommendation to the Board of Education.

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RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL REGARDING PROJECTS TO BE REFINANCED WITH EXPENDITURES OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROCEEDS AND TO AMEND THE STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified Staff has concluded that the proposed Information Technology Services, Facilities Services Division and Transportation Services Division SEP amendments will facilitate Los Angeles Unified’s ability to successfully implement the SEPs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The BOC recommends the Board of Education approve three school facilities projects/programs – Campus Safety Systems Improvements Program (Phase 1 – 291 sties), Sun Valley electric school buses (180 buses), and Green Schoolyard Upgrade projects (15 projects) – be refinanced with General Obligation Bond Proceeds of up to \$250,000,000 for partial defeasance of the 2023 COPs for the proposed three projects/programs, and amend the SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 247-24/25, 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 BOC’s website.
3. The District is requested 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 BOC and the District.

ADOPTED on February 27, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 5

ABSTENTIONS: 2

NAYS: 4

ABSENCES: 2

Robert Campbell
Vice-Chair

Dr. Samantha Rowles
Secretary



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In Control: Business & Finance Division

Align Funding Strategies for Three School Facilities Projects/Programs Funded by Certificates of Participation (COPs 2023 Series A) with the School Upgrade Program Framework and Measure US Priorities and Implementation Strategies

Business & Finance Division

Facilities Services Division

Information Technology Services

Transportation Services Division

Brief Description:

Approve the following actions to align funding strategies for three school facilities projects/programs funded by 2023 Series A Certificates of Participation (2023 COP) proceeds with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies.

Action Proposed:

Approve the following actions to align funding strategies for three school facilities projects/programs funded by 2023 COPs proceeds with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies:

1. Approve up-to \$250,000,000 in direct reallocations from three School Upgrade Program categories (Measure US proceeds specifically) of capital need to defuse a portion of the 2023 COPs associated with three school facilities projects, as shown in Exhibit A (Updated School Upgrade Program).
2. Approve the allocation of \$251,880,057 of 2023 COPs proceeds into the School Upgrade Program, as shown in Exhibit A, to fund the underlying scope of the three school facilities projects.
3. Approve Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) amendments (Information Technology Services (ITS), Transportation Services Division (Transportation) and Facilities Services Division (Facilities)) to incorporate the three projects, Campus Safety Systems Improvements Program (Phase 1- 291 sites), Sun Valley electric school buses (180 buses), and Green Schoolyard Upgrade projects (15 projects), therein, as shown in Exhibit B, including allocating \$17,827,000 of Bond Program funds targeted in the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to school campus to fund construction activities for all 15 Green Schoolyard Upgrade projects.
4. Authorize the Chief Procurement Officer, the Chief Facilities Executive, the Chief Information Officer, and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the projects including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials.

Background:

On June 13, 2023, the Board authorized a resolution approving the execution and delivery of COPs in the not-to

-exceed amount of \$500,000,000 (Board Report No. 300-22/23). In August 2023, the 2023 COPs were sold generating \$423,500,000 to fund critical unmet needs of school support facilities and high-priority school facility needs for which sufficient bond funding was not available, in alignment with the Strategic Plan and Board of Education (Board) priorities. On December 12, 2023, the Board approved the use of \$423,500,000 of 2023 COPs proceeds to fund all or a portion of nine high-priority Capital Plan projects and/or programs, to be undertaken at one or more sites (Board Report No. 024-23/24).

Approximately one year after the 2023 COPs were sold, the Board authorized the placement of Measure US, a \$9,000,000,000 local public schools safety and upgrades measure on the November 5, 2024, general election ballot (Board Report No. 029-24/25). Measure US contained an explicit provision (Part Three of the Bond Project List-Miscellaneous) that funds from the Measure could be used to defease the portion of 2023 COPs attributable to projects authorized to be financed under the Measure (i.e. bond eligible projects). On November 5, 2024, voters authorized Measure US with 68.02% of the votes cast in support of the measure.

LA Unified is projected to meet its financial obligations in Fiscal Year 2025 and in the two subsequent fiscal years, and the Board will be requested to certify the District's financial condition as "Positive" at second interim financial report. However, to maintain a positive General Fund Unrestricted ending balance in the current three-year multi-year projection period, it is still anticipated that funds will need to be transferred from Local Reserve Fund 17 to the General Fund in FY26 and FY27, thereby reducing Local Reserves to 2% in FY27. Moreover, the estimated Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) decrease in the Governor's proposed 2025-26 budget proposal, from 2.93% to 2.43% is estimated to have a \$29,000,000 impact on LA Unified in FY26.

With the approval of Measure US and the worsening of economic and budget conditions, the 2023 COPs Capital Plan projects/programs were recently evaluated against the Measure US priorities and implementation plan. Three of the projects/programs were identified as aligning with the priorities and implementation strategies and the historic use of local bond proceeds:

- Sun Valley Electric School Buses Project (180 buses)
- Green Schoolyard Upgrades (15 projects)
- Campus Information Technology (IT) Safety Systems Improvements Program (Phase 1: 291 sites)

Over the next 14 years, the District is required to pay an estimated \$504,000,000 in debt service on the 2023 COPs from the General Fund for all nine projects. \$11,300,000 of debt service was included in the 2023-24 budget, and for subsequent years the estimated annual payment is \$36,000,000. The next principal payment is due on October 1, 2025. Of the total estimated debt service, approximately \$303,000,000 is attributable to the three bond eligible projects/programs listed above, with an estimated annual debt service of \$21,600,000.

The proposal to align funding strategies for three school facilities projects/programs funded with 2023 COPs proceeds with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies is being made to provide relief to the General Fund.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on February 27, 2025, as referenced in Exhibit C. The presentation that was provided is included as Exhibit D. Staff has concluded that the proposed ITS, Transportation, and Facilities SEP amendments are in alignment with BOC recommendations and will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully

complete the SEPs.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of four actions to align funding strategies for three school facilities projects/programs funded with 2023 COPs proceeds with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies. Actions include approval of up to \$250,000,000 in direct reallocations from Measure US to defease a portion of the 2023 COPs which are associated with three school facilities projects/programs: Sun Valley Electric School Buses Project, Green Schoolyard Upgrades (15 projects), and the Campus IT Safety Systems Improvements Program (Phase 1: 291 sites).

Board Options and Consequences:

If the Board approves the recommendation, savings to the General Fund of \$303,000,000 will be achieved. If the Board does not approve the recommended action, the savings will not be realized, and debt service will be paid through the General Fund. The estimated annual General Fund debt service for the three identified eligible projects/programs is \$21,600,000.

Policy Implications:

This action is compliant with Section 4.08 of the District's Debt Management Policy.

Budget Impact:

Because the GO Bonds will refund a significant portion (approximately 59.5%) of the 2023 COPs, the District's General Fund will be relieved of most of the debt service for the 2023 COPs. The identified projects will be funded with proceeds of the 2023 COPs and refinanced with bond proceeds, and debt service will be repaid by *ad valorem* property tax revenues, not the District's General Fund revenues. The refinancing, if approved, will achieve General Fund debt service savings of \$303,000,000 over the next 14 years (approximately \$21,600,000 per year and \$65,000,000 over the next three years of the multi-year projection). There are seven projects funded by the 2023 COPs which are not included in this refunding proposal. The District will continue to pay debt service of nearly \$207,000,000 from the General Fund for these projects.

The combined cost to defease the outstanding 2023 COPs associated with the three identified school facilities projects/programs is estimated to not-to-exceed \$250,000,000. The defeasance will be funded by Bond Program funds targeted in the School Upgrade Program, specifically associated with Measure US, for the replacement of aging and outdated school buses (\$75,000,000), IT infrastructure and system upgrades: comprehensive enhancements to school audio systems (\$104,500,000) and IT Safety Upgrades: video camera systems to improve safety of campus infrastructure (\$70,500,000). If less than \$250,000,000 is ultimately required to defease the applicable portion of the 2023 COPs for eligible projects, the remaining funds will be returned to their respective ITS School Upgrade Program category of need.

The original combined budget for the Green Schoolyard Upgrades was estimated at \$100,000,000 in December 2023. An initial funding allocation of \$75,000,000 was provided, which was expected to provide sufficient funding to complete pre-construction activities at all 15 sites and construction at a minimum of 11 sites. The funding strategy consisted of \$25,000,000 of 2023 COPs proceeds, an allocation of \$50,000,000 of Restricted General Fund-Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) funds, and a future allocation of \$25,000,000 to complete all the projects.

In aligning these 15 projects with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies, the combined total project budget is being updated to \$92,827,000 to reflect current

information known, and assumptions about the project scope, site conditions, and market conditions. The 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 the projects.

Additionally, \$17,827,000 of bond program funds targeted in the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to school campuses is being allocated to fund construction activities for all 15 projects. Facilities staff, in collaboration with the Division of Instruction and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, will continue to assess opportunities to leverage ELO-P entitlements on an annual basis to support these 15 Green Schoolyard Upgrade Projects. If ultimately there is an insufficient amount of ELO-P funds available, additional bond program funds will be allocated to complete these 15 projects.

Student Impact:

The proposal to defease a portion of the 2023 COPs with Measure US proceeds will provide General Fund relief by reducing General Fund debt service costs, thereby improving the position of the District's General Fund over the current three-year multi-year projection period.

Equity Impact:

N/A

Issues and Analysis:

The District is facing fiscal pressure on its operating funds due to a variety of factors including declining enrollment, expiration of ESSER funding, and the devastating wildfires. Defeating a portion of the 2023 COPs for eligible projects now will save the General Fund \$303,000,000. However, if the District waits until 2033 when the longest-term debts can be paid off (maturities can be called), the savings to the General Fund would decline at the rate of \$21,600,000 per year for seven years (\$152,000,000 in total).

The cash from the original 2023 COPs proceeds will continue to be spent on the projects originally approved in 2023, and Measure US bond proceeds will be placed in an escrow account and used to pay the annual debt service on up-to \$250,000,000 of eligible 2023 COPs until 2033 when the bonds can be called. The 2023 COPs proceeds will be incorporated into the ITS, Transportation, and Facilities SEPs to support project/program implementation. Project/program expenditures and schedule updates will be reported in the same manner as bond funded projects.

As noted earlier, refinancing a portion of the 2023 COPs necessitates the reallocation of Measure US spending targets within the School Upgrade Program. The strategy proposed maintains funding for school greening and building resiliency projects, however it reduces funding targeted for school information technology improvements and the replacement of aging/outdated school buses (as shown in Exhibit A).

Based on preliminary assessments, the reallocation is anticipated to impact future plans for school audio systems and video camera systems with Measure US funds as follows:

- **School Audio Enhancements:** Under the original Measure US spending target of \$521,000,000, 547 school sites were anticipated to be upgraded with updated school audio systems, including integrated and enhanced school internet protocol (IP) - public address speakers, IP-based master clocks, audio enhancement systems, such as classroom speakers for instruction, and mass notification systems. After the proposed reallocation, audio systems at 396 school sites are expected to be upgraded with the

\$416,500,000 updated spending target. The outstanding need for upgraded school audio systems will remain at 323 school sites until additional funding is identified.

- **Campus Safety Systems Upgrades (Phase 2B):** Projects to modernize school technology safety systems consisting of video and intrusion alarm systems are underway at 321 school sites utilizing bond (30 sites) and 2023 COPs (291 sites) proceeds. These video camera and intrusion alarm systems (separate from secure entry projects) serve as a deterrent to potential offenders and assist with property protection. Under the original Measure US spending target of \$70,500,000, video and intrusion alarm system installations at an additional 231 sites were anticipated to be undertaken. With the reallocation, no new funding will be targeted and the outstanding need for campus technology safety systems upgrades will remain at 398 school sites until additional funding is identified.

If the \$75,000,000 targeted to replace aging and outdated school buses is redirected to defuse eligible 2023 COPs, the Transportation Services Division will continue to aggressively pursue grant opportunities for electric school buses, for which there are many opportunities. Currently, there are 108 electric school buses on hand, 143 pending delivery, and recent grant awards for an additional 224. Approximately 900 aging buses remain to be replaced. Due to grant restrictions, the Measure US funding targeted for school buses could not have been used as a local match for a grant.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Updated School Upgrade Program

Exhibit B: Scope, Schedule, and Budget for Three School Facilities Projects/Programs Funded
with Certificates of Participation (COPs 2023 Series A)

Exhibit C: BOC Resolution

Submitted:

02/24/2025

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:

ALBERTO M. CARVALHO
Superintendent

PEDRO SALCIDO
Deputy Superintendent
Office of the Deputy Superintendent

REVIEWED BY:

APPROVED & PRESENTED BY:

DEVORA NAVERA REED
General Counsel

CHRISTOPHER MOUNT-BENITES
Chief Financial Officer
Business & Finance Division

___ Approved as to form.

REVIEWED BY:

NOLBERTO DELGADILLO
Deputy Chief Financial Officer

___ Approved as to budget impact statement.

UPDATED SCHOOL UPGRADE PROGRAM

Upgrading, Modernizing, and Replacing Aging and Deteriorating School Facilities, Updating Technology and Addressing School Facilities Inequities

CATEGORIES OF NEED GOALS DRIVING PROJECT DEVELOPMENT	Spending Target for Projects *	Remaining Available*	COPs Funding Added	ELO-P Funding Added	Measure US Reallocation For COPs	Less: Project Budgets	New Available Spending Target
FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN							
Major Modernizations, Upgrades, and Reconfigurations to School Campuses	\$11,617,591,963	\$4,220,825,579	\$25,000,000	\$50,000,000		(\$92,827,000)	\$4,202,998,579
Critical Replacements and Upgrades of School Building/Site Systems and Components	\$3,435,832,154	\$1,452,971,015					\$1,452,971,015
IT School Network Infrastructure Upgrades Executed by FSD	\$166,579,875	\$0					\$0
School Cafeteria Upgrades	\$645,457,501	\$492,561,590					\$492,561,590
School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning, and Efficiency	\$856,208,582	\$376,916,384					\$376,916,384
ADA Transition Plan Implementation	\$1,105,125,189	\$290,638,700					\$290,638,700
Charter School Facilities Upgrades and Expansions	\$839,360,745	\$572,377,176					\$572,377,176
Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions	\$333,848,195	\$165,424,850					\$165,424,850
Adult and Career Education Facilities Upgrades	\$284,734,819	\$159,918,105					\$159,918,105
Board Member Priority Projects	\$89,188,612	\$62,351,027					\$62,351,027
Region Priority Projects	\$72,767,735	\$53,975,811					\$53,975,811
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN							
Technology Infrastructure and System Upgrades	\$2,020,259,490	\$885,885,820	\$146,000,000		(\$104,500,000)	(\$146,000,000)	\$781,385,820
Upgrade and Equip Schools with 21st Century Technology	\$381,396,933	\$70,036,000					\$70,036,000
IT Campus Safety Upgrades	\$169,114,181	\$169,114,181			(\$70,500,000)		\$98,614,181
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN							
Replace Aging and Polluting School Buses	\$141,875,000	\$75,000,000	\$80,880,057		(\$75,000,000)	(\$80,880,057)	\$0
CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER							
Defeasance of Certificates of Participation	\$0	\$0			\$250,000,000		\$250,000,000
OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL							
Conduct Inspector General Independent Audits of Bor	\$110,000,000	\$69,839,769					\$69,839,769
TOTAL	\$22,269,340,974	\$9,117,836,007	\$251,880,057	\$50,000,000	\$0	(\$319,707,057)	\$9,100,009,007

*Includes all actions that modified the amount available for direct projects since the inception of the SUP in January 2014. Includes Measure US.

** As of 12/31/24 for Facilities managed programs

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Exhibit B: Scope, Schedule, and Budget for Three School Facilities Projects/Programs
Funded with Certificates of Participation (COPs 2023 Series A)

1. Sun Valley Electric Buses and Generator Purchases Project

Over the next 14 years, the District is required to pay nearly \$97.4 million in debt service for COPs issued for the purchase of 180 electric school buses (bond eligible scope). The debt service cost is currently obligated to be paid by the General Fund. The proposed project includes the defeasance of \$80,276,360 of debt service for COPs issued for the bond eligible scope of this project.

The underlying project will replace all 180 school buses based at the Sun Valley Transportation Center with zero-emissions electric school buses (ESBs). The ESBs will be equipped with the latest safety features, including Wi-Fi and a Global Positioning System (GPS), and will have a capacity for 42 or 78 passengers (depending on the model) and an operating range of approximately 125 miles with a full charge. Studies have shown that electric buses are more fuel efficient and significantly reduce the cost of repairs and maintenance. This can result in overall savings of up to \$1.8 million per year.

While not part of the bond funded scope of the project, including the defeasance, the overall project includes the purchase of 25 propane-powered generators to support ESB charging until the construction and installation of permanent charging infrastructure is completed (anticipated approximately two years after the delivery of the ESBs). A generator, situated on a trailer, can fully charge up to eight buses at one time in approximately six to eight hours. The chargers will be ordered and purchased, as needed, to coincide with the projected delivery of the ESBs. These generators will also be part of the energy contingency plan, in the event there is a widespread power outage. The District is required to pay approximately \$9.4 million in debt service over the next 14 years for the generators. This will be paid by the General Fund.

Budget:

The funding strategy consists of COPs proceeds and Measure US bond proceeds as follows:

- \$88,700,000: total project budget (including generators) funded by COPs
- \$80,880,057: total project budget for electric school buses only
 - COPs proceeds in the equivalent amount to be allocated to the School Upgrade Program for the replacement of aging and outdated school buses to support project implementation.
 - \$80,276,360: Measure US proceeds to be reallocated for defeasance of eligible project scope: replacement of aging/outdated school buses (\$75,000,000) and IT infrastructure and system upgrades: comprehensive enhancements to school audio systems (\$5,276,360)

Project Schedule: Purchases began in Q2-2023 and are anticipated to be completed in Q4-2025.

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2. Green Schoolyard Upgrade Projects

Over the next 14 years, the District is required to pay nearly \$30.1 million in debt service for COPs issued to fund a portion of 15 green schoolyard upgrade projects. The debt service cost is currently obligated to be paid by the General Fund. The proposed project includes the defeasance of \$24,813,398 of debt service for COPs issued for this project.

The underlying projects will provide upgrades to schoolyards to align with the goal of providing 30% of a school sites’ schoolyard with green/natural spaces. The scope may include replacing significant areas of paved surfaces with permeable surfaces that incorporate native/drought tolerant planting, the addition of natural grass play fields, the installation of trees and other shade elements to achieve 20% shade in the schoolyard, irrigation, decomposed granite and pavers, outdoor classroom elements, as well as accessibility improvements, as required, to ensure equal access to all students.

In December 2023, sites were identified using the Green Schoolyards Index, which ranks sites based on the following datasets for each site: updated schoolyard measurements, CalEnviroScreen 4.0 score, and Extreme Heat Temperature Tool. The first eight sites on the list that do not have an approved or planned project that would provide substantial greening improvements were selected. Additionally, in an effort to provide geographic equality, at least two high-ranked sites were selected in each Board District. Subsequently, one of the designated campuses in Board District 1, Marvin Elementary School, was identified as having an active paving replacement project which would address greening improvements. As a result, in November 2024 (Board Report No. 106-24/25), the Board approved the replacement of the project at Marvin Elementary School with a project at Budlong Elementary School, the next Board District 1 school on the priority list without a greening project.

Board District	Region	Site Name	Green Schoolyards Index Rank	Budget	Construction Start	Construction Completion
1	South	Manchester ES	84	\$6,493,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
1	West	Budlong ES	92	\$6,308,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
2	East	Bridge ES	4	\$2,758,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
2	East	Dena ES	7	\$4,008,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
3	North	Canoga Park ES	16	\$6,863,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
3	North	Sylvan Park ES	30	\$6,941,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
4	North	Vanalden ES	31	\$10,866,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
4	North	Encino ES	113	\$6,185,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
5	East	San Pedro ES	5	\$5,117,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
5	East	Heliotrope ES	8	\$5,259,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
6	North	Strathern ES	10	\$6,743,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028
6	North	Roscoe ES	15	\$7,678,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028

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Board District	Region	Site Name	Green Schoolyards Index Rank	Budget	Construction Start	Construction Completion
6	North	Arminta ES	2	\$5,805,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
7	South	Gardena ES	33	\$6,072,000	Q3-2026	Q4-2027
7	South	Ritter ES	34	\$5,731,000	Q4-2026	Q1-2028

Budget:

The original combined budget for the green schoolyard upgrade projects was estimated at \$100,000,000 in December 2023. An initial funding allocation of \$75,000,000 was provided, which was expected to provide sufficient funding to complete pre-construction activities at all 15 sites and construction at a minimum of 11 sites. The funding strategy consisted of \$25,000,000 of 2023 COPs proceeds, an allocation of \$50,000,000 of Restricted General Fund-Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P) funds, and a future allocation of \$25,000,000 to complete all the projects.

In aligning these 15 projects with the School Upgrade Program framework and Measure US priorities and implementation strategies, the combined total project budget is being updated to \$92,827,000 to reflect current information known, and assumptions about the project scope, site conditions, and market conditions. The 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 the projects.

Additionally, \$17,827,000 of bond program funds targeted in the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to school campuses is being allocated to fund construction activities for all 15 projects. Facilities staff, in collaboration with the Division of Instruction and the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, will continue to assess opportunities to leverage ELO-P entitlements on an annual basis to support these 15 Green Schoolyard Upgrade Projects. If ultimately there is an insufficient amount of ELO-P funds available, additional bond program funds will be allocated to complete these 15 projects.

The funding strategy consists of COPs proceeds, ELO-P funds, and bond program funds, as follows:

- \$92,827,000: total project budget
 - \$25,000,000: COPs proceeds to be allocated to the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to support implementation of the projects.
 - \$24,813,000: Measure US proceeds to be reallocated for defeasance of COPs from funds targeted for IT infrastructure and system upgrades: comprehensive enhancements to school audio systems
 - \$50,000,000: ELO-P allocation
 - \$17,827,000: bond program funding targeted in the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to school campuses

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3. Campus Information Technology (IT) Safety Systems Improvements Program (Phase 1: 291 sites)

Over the next 14 years, the District is required to pay approximately \$175.7 million in debt service for COPs issued for improvements to campus safety systems at 291 sites. The debt service cost is currently obligated to be paid by the General Fund. The proposed project includes the defeasance of \$144,910,242 of debt service for COPs issued for this program.

The underlying project includes the design and installation of new video camera and intrusion alarm systems at 291 sites ([site list](#)). Each project will include approximately 20 camera locations at smaller schools and 30 camera locations at larger schools, with each consisting of three to four cameras, or a total of 60 to 120 cameras per school site. The “large and small” school designation will be determined by student enrollment, number of buildings, and campus layout. The new systems will include remote monitoring capabilities through LASPD’s Operations Center.

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Budget:

The funding strategy consists of COPs proceeds and Measure US proceeds as follows:

- \$146,000,000: total project budget
 - \$146,000,000: COPs proceeds to be allocated to the School Upgrade Program for IT Safety Upgrades: video camera systems to improve safety of campus infrastructure, to support implementation of the program.
 - \$144,910,242: Measure US proceeds to be reallocated for defeasance of COPs from funds targeted for IT Safety Upgrades: video camera systems to improve safety of campus infrastructure

Project Schedule: The project began in Q1-2024, with construction anticipated to substantially complete at all 291 sites by Q1-2027.