

## Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education Facilities & Procurement Committee - Recommendations from the 2023-2024 School Year

Following discussion in meetings dated 10/3/23, 11/28/23, 1/31/24, and 4/16/24, and building upon recommendations from 2023, the Facilities & Procurement Committee requests the follow-up actions below, to be provided and/or presented to the Board and/or the Committee prior to the final 24/25 Committee meeting:

- 1. Facilities Construction Cost & Time Comparison Utilizing the expertise of external experts to ensure independence, conduct a cost and time comparison of LAUSD construction projects to similar projects at other California school districts and/or public entities to identify best practices for local implementation.
- 2. **Quantify Cost & Time Savings from Identified Improvements** Follow up on the modifications to policy and practice identified during the April 18, 2024 Committee meeting with an analysis, to the extent feasible, of the time and money saved by these practices being implemented.
- 3. Additional Review of Modular Structures District staff has acknowledged that modular structures unlike traditional structures are less expensive and district staff has identified that the availability of modular structures for various construction components is rapidly evolving. The Committee requests that the District staff conduct periodic and routine assessments (no less than once annually) of whether newly available products would support the needs, and reduce the cost and/or time of construction projects for LAUSD.
- 4. **Specification Review Update** During the April 18, 2024 Committee meeting, District staff outlined several changes to specifications that the District will implement as a result of an initial review for efficiency, and noted that a further specification review is underway. Provide an update to the Board and/or Committee on the outcomes of this specification review.
- 5. Explore Revenue Opportunities Building upon the prior discussion of impact fees and recommendation to evaluate revenue, the Committee requests that the District staff bring to the Committee and/or the Board a review of additional revenue opportunities available to support the District's strategic facilities priorities. Such revenue may include state or federal grant or advocacy opportunities, local ballot initiatives, and/or pursuing flexible monies for facility upgrades like painting.
- 6. **Explore and Leverage Buying Contracts** To streamline procurement processes, maximize cost-efficiency, and ensure compliance with regulatory requirements, the Committee requests that the District staff bring to the Committee and/or the Board a plan to increase the amount of pre-approved legally binding procurement contracts such as California Multiple Award Schedules, Foundation for California Community Colleges SchoolBuys, and other cooperative purchasing agreements.
- 7. **Expanding the Scope of Qualified Bidders to at Least Three** To ensure that District projects remain cost effective, it is important to have multiple bidders on each project. Identify ways to expand the bidder pool.
- 8. **Increase Maintenance & Operations Capacity -** The Committee reiterates its prior recommendation and request for an update on the District's ability to increase capacity to provide maintenance and operations services to the aging infrastructure.
- 9. **Continue to Explore Alternative Project Delivery Approaches** To ensure the District has guaranteed prices and schedules early.