



Board of Education Report

File #: Rep-008-23/24, **Version:** 1

Define and Approve the New Chatsworth Early Education Center Project and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

October 17, 2023

Facilities Services Division and Early Childhood Education Division

Action Proposed:

Define and approve the new Chatsworth Early Education Center (Chatsworth EEC) Project to be constructed on the Chatsworth Charter High School (Chatsworth Charter HS) campus (Project) and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The budget for the proposed Project is \$5,163,799.

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

Background:

The Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified or District) School Upgrade Program includes a spending target entitled “Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions.” Projects developed under this category of need may include upgrades, expansions, and/or additions to existing early childhood education centers and/or schools to create age-appropriate facilities for the youngest learners, and are included in the Facilities SEP.

The proposed Chatsworth EEC will be located on the District campus of Chatsworth Charter HS at 10027 Lurline Avenue, Chatsworth, CA 91311. Region North administration approves transferring the use of the portion of the campus with the former childcare center from Chatsworth Charter HS to the Early Childhood Education Division (ECED). The existing available bungalows on the campus are undersized and do not meet the current licensing requirements to operate a District Early Education Center (EEC).

The school’s bordering communities have a high need for licensed infant, toddler, and preschool early education programs. The 91311, 91304, 91306, and 91324 zip codes in the cities of Chatsworth, Canoga Park, Winnetka, and Northridge all lack available preschool spaces for subsidized care programs. Each of these zip codes can serve between 1-1,650 kids ages 2-5 who would be income eligible for a state subsidized program. This analysis was done based on zip codes that have preschool programs with data provided by the California Department of Social Services, Community Care Licensing Division (CCLD) and compiled by the Advancement Project. CCLD would ultimately be the State licensing agency that would approve the Chatsworth EEC prior to opening.

Furthermore, the new Chatsworth EEC would also serve infants. The zip codes referenced also have a moderate/high need for both subsidized and non-subsidized care for this age group. Providing infant and toddler programs help high school teens who have children to continue their education while ensuring that their babies are nearby and cared for in a nurturing environment.

Staff's proposal for the Project to construct facilities for a new EEC was developed in support of ECED's plan to provide licensed preschool spaces that are needed in the Chatsworth community in the 2026-27 school year. ECED anticipates full enrollment will provide approximately 56 licensed childcare spaces for the children and families of this area.

The Project will develop facilities for a new EEC on the Chatsworth Charter HS campus, accessible via Lurline Avenue, by replacing two deteriorated classroom bungalows with two new modular buildings. The first building will provide one toddler classroom, administrative space, support spaces, and age-appropriate/staff restrooms. The second building will provide one toddler classroom, one infant classroom, and age-appropriate/staff restrooms. Construction is anticipated to begin in the third quarter of 2025 and be completed in the third quarter of 2026. The Project is located within the boundaries of Region North and Board District 3 (Scott Schmerelson).

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on October 5, 2023. 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:

Staff anticipates the Board of Education will define and approve the Project to construct facilities for the new Chatsworth EEC and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed Project.

Board Options and Consequences:

Adoption of the proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to implement the proposed Project. If the proposal is not approved, Bond Program funds will not be expended, access to early education will remain limited in this geographic area, and early education facilities needs will remain unaddressed. As a result, instructional time could be reduced for teen parents transporting their infant children to and from an alternate childcare facility.

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. The proposed action advances Los Angeles Unified's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Pillar 4 Operational Effectiveness Modernizing Infrastructure by constructing facilities for the new Chatsworth EEC.

Budget Impact:

The budget for the proposed Project is \$5,163,799 and will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions.

The Project budget was prepared based on the current information known and assumptions about the proposed Project scope, site conditions, and market conditions. The Project budget 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 ensure successful completion of the proposed Project.

Student Impact:

The construction of facilities for the new Chatsworth EEC will provide high-quality licensed care facilities for children and families in a community that has a high need for licensed care.

Equity Impact:

The proposed Project was identified by ECED in consultation with Region North by analyzing data provided by CCLD and compiled by the Advancement Project prioritizing areas which have unmet childcare needs.

Issues and Analysis:

Staff's proposal supports ECED's commitment to providing a quality early education experience that will prepare students for success in school and life, while valuing and respecting the needs, languages, and cultures of all students, families, staff, and respective communities.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety will evaluate the Project proposal in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act to ensure compliance. If, through the planning and design process, it is determined that the proposed Project scope will not sufficiently address the facilities needs identified, the Project scope, schedule, and budget will be revised accordingly.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - BOC Resolution

Informatives:

None

Submitted:

09/17/23

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,



ALBERTO M. CARVALHO
Superintendent

APPROVED BY:



PEDRO SALCIDO
Deputy Superintendent,
Business Services and Operations

REVIEWED BY:



DEVORA NAVERA REED
General Counsel

☒ Approved as to form.

APPROVED BY:



KRISZTINA TOKES
Chief Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

REVIEWED BY:



NOLBERTO DELGADILLO
Deputy Chief Business Officer, Finance

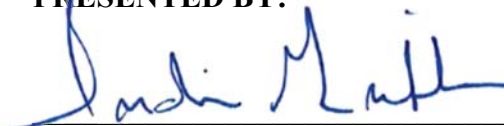
☒ Approved as to budget impact statement.

APPROVED BY:



DEAN S. TAGAWA, EdD
Executive Director
Early Childhood Education Division

PRESENTED BY:



INDIA R. GRIFFIN
Director of Facilities Maintenance & Operations
Facilities Services Division

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Margaret Fuentes, Chair

LAUSD Student Parent

D. Michael Hamner, FAIA, Vice-Chair

American Institute of Architects

Samantha Rowles, Secretary

LAUSD Student Parent

Robert Campbell, Executive Committee

L.A. Co. Auditor-Controller's Office

Scott Pansky, Executive Committee

L.A. Area Chamber of Commerce

Neelura Bell

CA Charter School Association

Chad Boggio

L.A. Co. Federation of Labor AFL-CIO

Jeffrey Fischbach

CA Tax Reform Assn.

Aleigh Lewis

L.A. City Controller's Office

Patrick MacFarlane

Early Education Coalition

Jennifer McDowell

L.A. City Mayor's Office

Brian Mello

Assoc. General Contractors of CA

Dr. Clarence Monteclaro

Tenth District PTSA

William O. Ross IV

31st District PTSA

Connie Yee (Alternate)

L.A. Co. Auditor-Controller's Office

Vacant

AARP

Joseph P. Buchman – Legal Counsel

Burke, Williams & Sorensen, LLP

Lori Raineri and Keith Weaver – Oversight Consultants

Government Financial Services Joint

Powers Authority

Timothy Popejoy

Bond Oversight Administrator

Perla Zitle

Bond Oversight Coordinator

RESOLUTION 2023-20

BOARD REPORT NO. 008-23/24

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE NEW CHATSWORTH EARLY EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified or District) Staff proposes the Board of Education (Board) define and approve the new Chatsworth Early Education Center (Chatsworth EEC) Project to be constructed on the Chatsworth Charter High School (Chatsworth Charter HS) campus (Project), as described in Board Report No. 008-23/24, 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 proposed Project, including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, The School Upgrade Program includes a spending target entitled “Early Childhood Education Facilities Upgrades and Expansions.” Projects developed under this category of need may include upgrades, expansions, and/or additions to existing early childhood education centers and/or schools to create age-appropriate facilities for the youngest learners, and are included in the Facilities SEP; and

WHEREAS, District Staff’s proposal is to construct the Chatsworth EEC on the Chatsworth Charter HS campus. The existing available bungalows on the campus are undersized and do not meet the current licensing requirements to operate a District Early Education Center (EEC). The proposed Project will replace two deteriorated classroom bungalows with two new modular buildings; and

RESOLUTION 2023-20

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE NEW CHATSWORTH EARLY EDUCATION CENTER PROJECT AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, The proposed Project was developed in support of the Early Childhood Education Division's (ECED) plan to open the new Chatsworth EEC and provide much-needed licensed preschool spaces for the Chatsworth community in the 2026-27 school year. ECED anticipates full enrollment will provide approximately 56 licensed childcare spaces for the children and families of this area; and

WHEREAS, The budget for the proposed Project is \$5,163,799 and will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions; 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 (BOC) recommends the Board of Education define and approve the new Chatsworth EEC Project, with a budget of \$5,163,799, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 008-23/24, 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 October 5, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 3

/Margaret Fuentes/

Margaret Fuentes
Chair

/Michael Hamner/

D. Michael Hamner
Vice-Chair