



Board of Education Report

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Define and Approve Two Early Education Center Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

October 22, 2024

Facilities Services Division and Early Childhood Education Division

Action Proposed:

Define and approve two Early Education Center (EEC) Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Projects (Projects) at the following schools and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The total combined budget for the proposed Projects, as described in Exhibit A, is \$12,872,013.

1. Collins EEC
2. Glenfeliz Boulevard EEC

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 Projects, 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 are included in the Facilities SEP.

The proposed Projects will create dynamic, nature-based outdoor learning spaces to enable the District's youngest learners to acquire a deep, intuitive understanding of the natural world through hands-on experiences. Each outdoor classroom may include a number of learning stations with the following components:

- Music and movement
- Climbing and balance
- Messy materials
- Nature art
- Water play
- Sand play
- Garden
- Dirt digging
- Building materials

The proposed Projects will provide outdoor classrooms by dividing the existing playground areas into distinct activity areas with paving, new playground matting and equipment, and landscaping. Campus upgrades include new heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning units, new roofing, exterior painting of buildings and structures as needed, and fire alarm system and utilities upgrades. The scope of work includes Americans with Disabilities

Act accessibility upgrades, and any other required improvements or mitigations to ensure compliance with local, state, and/or federal facilities requirements.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on October 10, 2024, 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:

Staff anticipates the Board of Education will define and approve the proposed Projects, as described in Exhibit A, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed Projects.

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 Projects. If the proposal is not approved, Bond Program funds will not be expended, access to nature-based green space will remain limited, and early education facilities needs will remain unaddressed.

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 providing capital improvements at schools.

Budget Impact:

The total combined budget for the proposed Projects is \$12,872,013. The proposed Projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions.

Each budget for the proposed Projects was prepared based on the current information known and assumptions about their proposed scope, site conditions, and market conditions. Individual budgets for the proposed Projects will be reviewed throughout the planning, design, and construction phases as new information becomes known and/or unforeseen conditions arise, and will be adjusted accordingly to enable the successful completion of each of the proposed Projects.

Student Impact:

The proposed Projects will establish nurturing, nature-based outdoor spaces that support whole-child development and learning, as well as address early education facilities needs that are necessary to improve student health, safety, and educational quality to benefit approximately 230 students.

Expected developmental outcomes include enhanced imaginative play, increased physical and mental well-being, and environmental stewardship. These outdoor classrooms will encourage and support community, student, and parent engagement through the creation of partnerships that help establish and maintain the newly developed garden spaces. These spaces can also reduce stress for staff, families, and children. Children and their parents will be able to connect with the natural world as a regular part of their healthy growth and development in the areas that lack parks and green environments.

Equity Impact:

The proposed Projects were identified by the Early Childhood Education Division (ECED) in consultation with Regions and school site administrators. Sites were selected based upon each center's proximity and access to existing community green space, and evidence of parent, administrator, and staff commitment to the success of the program. Other factors considered included income level, center enrollment, community interest, and demographics.

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 Projects' proposals in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act to ensure compliance. If through the planning and design process, it is determined that the proposed Projects' scopes will not sufficiently address the facilities needs identified, the Projects' scope, schedule, and budget will be revised accordingly.

Attachments:

Exhibit A - Two Early Education Center Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Projects

Exhibit B - BOC Resolution


Exhibit C - BOC Presentation

Informatives:


None

Submitted:

09/16/24

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**APPROVED BY:**


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Superintendent



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Deputy Superintendent,
Business Services and Operations

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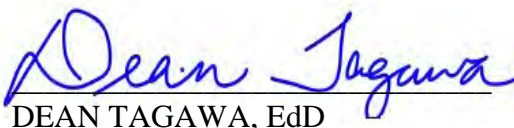


KRISZTINA TOKES
Chief Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

✓ Approved as to form.

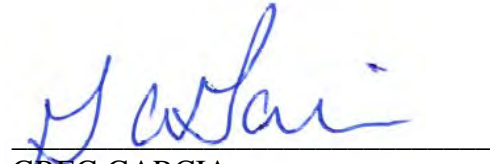
REVIEWED BY:**APPROVED BY:**


NOLBERTO DELGADILLO
Deputy Chief Financial Officer



DEAN TAGAWA, EdD
Executive Director
Early Childhood Education Division

✓ Approved as to budget impact statement.

PRESENTED BY:


GREG GARCIA
Interim Director of Facilities Maintenance and Operations
Facilities Services Division

1. Collins Early Education Center Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Project

- *Region South, Board District 1*
- *Project Scope* – This project provides an outdoor classroom by dividing the existing playground area into distinct activity areas with paving, new playground matting and equipment, and landscaping. The project will also provide new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units and roofing at the Children’s Center Building, as well as necessary upgrades to the fire alarm system and utilities. Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades include accessible path of travel, parking area, doors and signage, restrooms, and a drinking water station.
- *Project Budget:* \$5,983,619
- *Construction Schedule:* Q4 2026 – Q1 2028

2. Glenfeliz Boulevard Early Education Center Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Project

- *Region West, Board District 5*
- *Project Scope* – This project provides an outdoor classroom by dividing the existing playground area into distinct activity areas with paving, new playground matting and equipment, and landscaping. The project will also provide new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning units, roofing, exterior painting of the Children's Center Building, as well as necessary upgrades to the fire alarm system and utilities. Americans with Disabilities Act upgrades include accessible path of travel, parking area, doors and signage, restrooms, and drinking water stations.
- *Project Budget:* \$6,888,394
- *Construction Schedule:* Q4 2026 – Q1 2028

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RESOLUTION 2024-31**BOARD REPORT NO. 054-24/25**

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE TWO EARLY EDUCATION CENTER OUTDOOR CLASSROOM AND CAMPUS UPGRADE PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes the Board of Education (Board) define and approve two Early Education Center (EEC) Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Projects (Projects) at Collins EEC and Glenfeliz Boulevard EEC, as described in Board Report No. 054-24/25, 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 Projects, 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 are included in the Facilities SEP; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Projects will provide outdoor classrooms by dividing the existing playground areas into distinct activity areas with paving, new playground matting and equipment, and landscaping. Campus upgrades include new heating, ventilation, and air-conditioning units, new roofing, exterior painting as needed, and fire alarm system and utilities upgrades. The scope of work includes Americans with Disabilities Act accessibility upgrades, and any other required improvements or mitigations to ensure compliance with local, state, and/or federal facilities requirements; and

WHEREAS, The proposed projects were identified by the Early Childhood Education Division in consultation with Regions and school site administrators. Sites were selected based upon each center's proximity and access to existing community green space, and evidence of parent, administrator, and staff commitment to the success

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of the program. Other factors considered included income level, center enrollment, community interest, and demographics; and

WHEREAS, The total combined budget for the proposed Projects is \$12,872,013. The projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for Early Childhood Education facilities upgrades and expansions; and

WHEREAS, the District Office of General Counsel has reviewed the proposed Projects and determined that they may proceed to the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) for its consideration for 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 BOC recommends that the Board of Education define and approve two EEC Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade Projects, with a combined budget of \$12,872,013, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 054-24/25, 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 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 BOC and the District.

ADOPTED on October 10, 2024, by the following vote:

AYES: 12

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 1

/Michael Hamner/

D. Michael Hamner
Chair

/Samantha Rowles/

Dr. Samantha Rowles
Secretary



Early Childhood Education Projects

Bond Oversight Committee Meeting
October 10, 2024

Early Childhood Education

Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade

The scope of work includes:

- Outdoor classroom activity areas
- Paving
- Landscaping
- Playground matting & equipment
- Heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) units
- Roofing
- Exterior painting as needed
- Accessibility upgrades
- Fire alarm system upgrades
- Utilities upgrades

Item	Board District	Region	School	Anticipated Construction Start	Anticipated Construction Completion	Project Budget
1	1	South	Collins EEC	Q4-2026	Q1-2028	\$5,983,619
2	5	West	Glenfeliz EEC	Q4-2026	Q1-2028	\$6,888,394
Total:						\$12,872,013

Collins EEC

Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade

Construction Schedule: Q4 2026 – Q1 2028

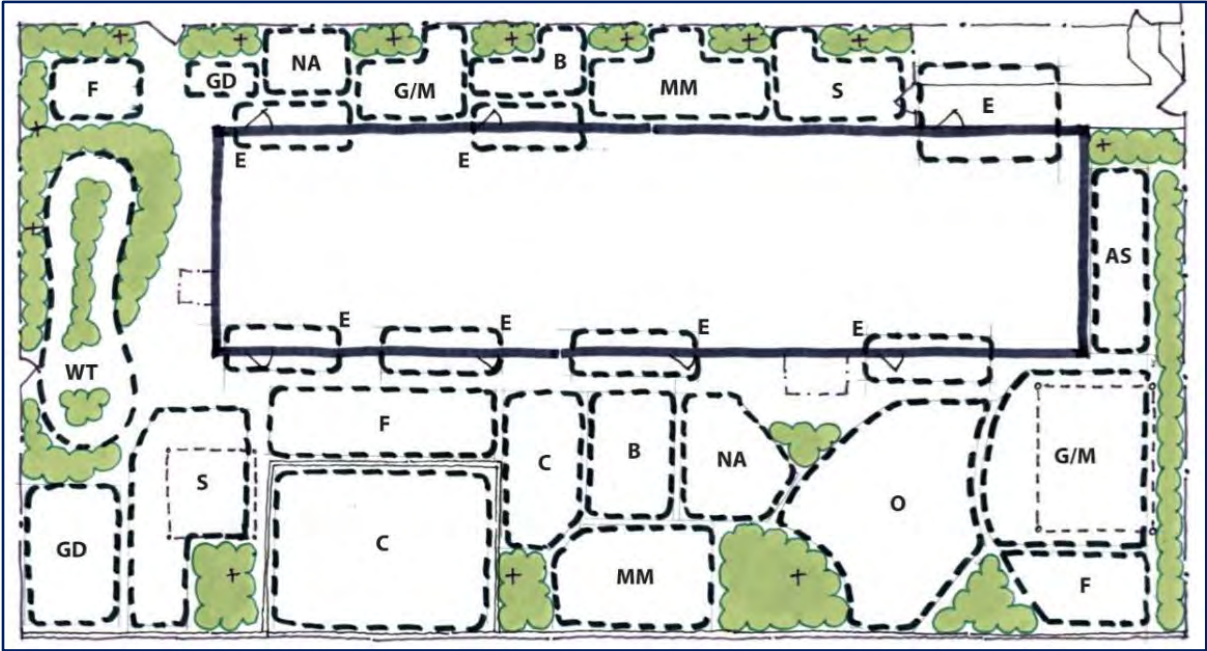
Board District: 1, Region: South

Project Budget: \$5,983,619

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1%	12%	75%	5%	7%



Site Aerial View



Concept – Subject to Change

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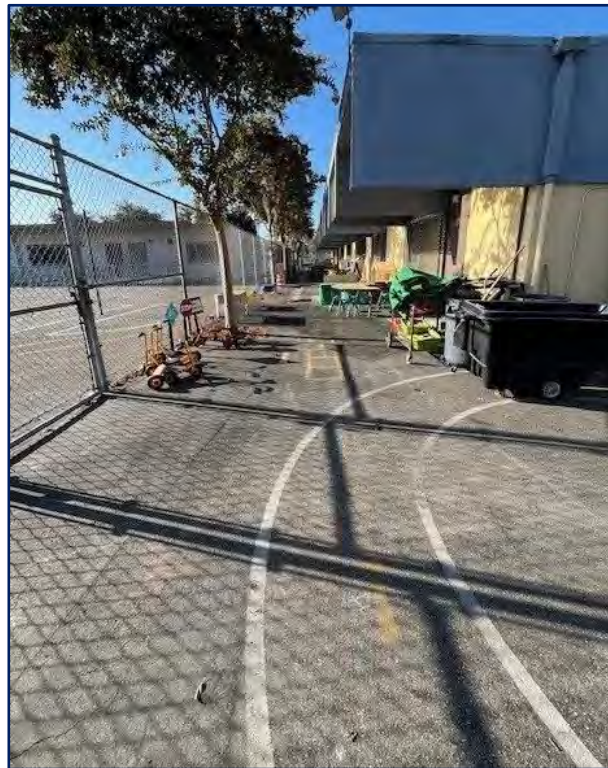
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- MM: MESSY MATERIALS AREA
- C: CLIMBING AREA
- S: SENSORY (WATER/SAND DIRT DIGGING)
- WT: WHEELED TOY AREA
- AS: ADULT SPACE
- F: FLEX SPACE
- + : EXISTING TREE

Collins EEC

Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade



Main Yard



Side Yard



Roof

Glenfeliz EEC

Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade

Construction Schedule: Q4 2026 – Q1 2028

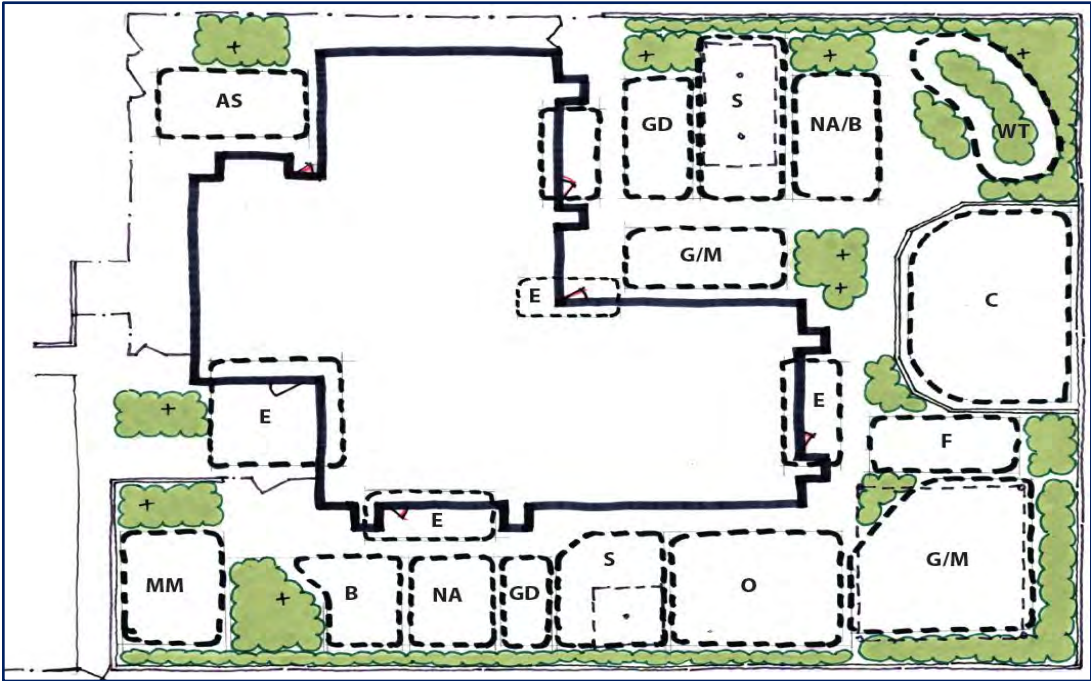
Board District: 5, Region: West

Project Budget: \$6,888,394

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Glenfeliz EEC

Outdoor Classroom and Campus Upgrade



Play Yard

Roof

Examples of Completed Projects



Questions?