



Board of Education Report

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Approve the Definition of Five Outdoor Learning Environment Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein
December 13, 2022
Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Approve the definition of five outdoor learning environment projects at 52nd Street Elementary School, Birdielee V. Bright Elementary School, Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School, Humphreys Avenue Elementary School, and Lockwood Avenue Elementary School, as described in Exhibit A, and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The combined budget for the five outdoor learning environment projects is \$11,894,670.

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 projects including budget modifications.

Background:

On August 24, 2021, the Board of Education (Board) adopted an update to the School Upgrade Program (SUP) to integrate Measure RR funding and priorities into its operational framework and approved the Measure RR Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan) to help guide the identification of sites and development of project proposals (Board Report No. 027-21/22). The Implementation Plan included, among other things, the development of Safe and Welcoming Outdoor Learning Spaces Projects, also referred to as Outdoor Learning Environment Projects (Project).

The proposed Projects include, but are not limited to, removal of excess relocatable buildings and adjacent asphalt to provide additional green space on the school by constructing an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space with landscaping, shaded seating areas, shade structure, internet connectivity, sink if infrastructure is already in place, and accessibility improvements.

The proposed Projects are identified utilizing the Los Angeles Unified Greening Index (Greening Index) for a ranking of campuses with the greatest need for enhanced greening and the application of Electronic Capacity Assessment Review (ECAR) data to determine campuses with excess portable classrooms that can be removed without a demand to replace the classroom capacity.

The Greening Index was developed utilizing data measuring two types of need:

1. Community-based need was measured using data from the Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, a comprehensive study of the diverse parks and recreation facilities throughout LA County's cities and unincorporated communities, prepared by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.

2. Los Angeles Unified's campus specific need was measured by the percentage of hardscape versus greenspace within each school site excluding high school athletic fields.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of the proposed five outdoor learning environment project definitions, and amendment to the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. The approval will enable staff to proceed with the design and construction 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 and begin the environmental reviews and clearances, design, procurement, construction, and other activities necessary to implement the proposed Projects.

If the proposal is not approved, the activities discussed above will not commence and the schools will not benefit from the creation of these outdoor learning spaces being proposed.

Policy Implications:

The proposal does not impact Los Angeles Unified policy. It furthers implementation of the update to the SUP to integrate Measure RR funding and priorities into its operational framework (Board Report No. 027-21/22) adopted by the Board on August 24, 2021. Furthermore, the proposal is consistent with the District's long-term goal to address unmet school facilities needs, improve the conditions of aging and deteriorating school facilities, and provide students with safe and healthy outdoor learning environments. The action aligns with the Green Schools for All: Equitable Funding and Expansion of Green Spaces across District Campuses Board Resolution (Res 002-22/23), adopted on September 27, 2022, that reinforces Los Angeles Unified's commitment to creating green learning spaces.

Budget Impact:

The combined project budget for the five outdoor learning environment projects is \$11,894,670. The Projects will be funded by Bond Program funds in the School Upgrade Program targeted for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfiguration to school campuses.

The project budgets were prepared based on the 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 proposed Projects.

Student Impact:

The outdoor learning environments projects, once completed, will help ensure that approximately 2,243 students attending these five schools are provided with safe, welcoming, and sustainable outdoor learning environments that support student-centered, experiential, and engaged learning.

Equity Impact:

Not Applicable.

Issues and Analysis:

The intent of the outdoor learning environment projects is to provide safe, welcoming, and sustainable outdoor learning environments at schools most in need of greening resources to support instruction.

The principal project planning tenets are:

1. Design, size, and elements vary across elementary, middle, and high schools.
2. Accommodate general classroom use for cross disciplinary lessons.
3. Provide informal gathering spaces and/or play spaces for elementary school.
4. Provide overflow seating for nearby library/multipurpose rooms.
5. Provide space for outdoor performances/speakers.
6. Provide outdoor study areas adjacent to classrooms.
7. Planted areas may be utilized by class curriculum.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on November 3, 2022. 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 complete the Facilities SEP.

Attachments:

Attachment A - Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Five Outdoor Learning Environment Projects

Attachment B - BOC Resolution


Informatives:

None

Submitted:

11/30/22

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,


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Attachment A

Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Five Outdoor Learning Environment Projects

1. 52nd Street Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

South Mid-City Community of Schools, Local District West, Board District 1 (Dr. George McKenna)

Project Background and Scope: 52nd Street Elementary School serves students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2021-2022 Electronic Capacity Assessment Review (E-CAR), the school served 581 students. 52nd Street ES is a historically significant school site.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of one bungalow building (2 classrooms) and adjacent asphalt.
- Construction of an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space.
- Landscaping.
- Shaded seating areas.
- Shade structure.
- Internet connectivity.
- Sink – if infrastructure is already in place.
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), Division of the State Architect (DSA), California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

Project Budget: \$2,032,616

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2-2024 and be completed in Q3-2025.



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Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Five Outdoor Learning Environment Projects

2. Birdielee V. Bright Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

LA Mid-City Community of Schools, Local District West, Board District 1 (Dr. George McKenna)

Project Background and Scope: Birdielee V. Bright Elementary School serves students in kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2021-2022 E-CAR, the school served 401 students.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of one bungalow building (3 classrooms) and adjacent asphalt.
- Construction of an approximately 4,000 square foot outdoor learning space and a 14,600 square feet grass field.
- Landscaping.
- Shaded seating areas.
- Shade structure.
- Internet connectivity.
- Sink – if infrastructure is already in place.
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the ADA, DSA, CEQA and DTSC.

Project Budget: \$3,532,341

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2-2024 and be completed in Q4-2025.



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3. Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

MacArthur Park Community of Schools, Local District Central, Board District 2 (Rocio Rivas)

Project Background and Scope: Commonwealth Avenue Elementary School serves students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2021-2022 E-CAR, the school served 473 students.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of one bungalow building (2 classrooms) and adjacent asphalt.
- Construction of an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space.
- Landscaping.
- Shaded seating areas.
- Shade structure.
- Internet connectivity.
- Sink – if infrastructure is already in place.
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the ADA, DSA, CEQA and DTSC.

Project Budget: \$2,032,616

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2-2024 and be completed in Q3-2025.



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4. Humphreys Avenue Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

East Los Angeles Community of Schools, Local District East, Board District 2 (Rocio Rivas)

Project Background and Scope: Humphreys Avenue Elementary School serves students in pre-kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2021-2022 E-CAR, the school served 436 students. Humphreys Avenue Elementary School is a historically significant school site.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of one bungalow building (2 classrooms) and adjacent asphalt.
- Construction of an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space.
- Landscaping.
- Shaded seating areas.
- Shade structure.
- Internet connectivity.
- Sink – if infrastructure is already in place.
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the ADA, DSA, CEQA and DTSC.

Project Budget: \$2,032,616

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2-2024 and be completed in Q3-2025.



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Attachment A

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5. Lockwood Avenue Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

Glassell Park/Los Feliz Community of Schools, Local District Central, Board District 2 (Rocio Rivas)

Project Background and Scope: Lockwood Avenue Elementary School serves students in pre-kindergarten through 6th grade. As of the 2021-2022 E-CAR, the school served 352 students. Lockwood Avenue Elementary School is a historically significant school site.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of two portable buildings (4 classrooms) and adjacent asphalt.
- Construction of an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space.
- Landscaping.
- Shaded seating areas.
- Shade structure.
- Internet connectivity.
- Sink – if infrastructure is already in place.
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the ADA, DSA, CEQA and DTSC.

Project Budget: \$2,264,481

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q2-2024 and be completed in Q4-2025.

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RESOLUTION 2022-48

BOARD REPORT 075-22/23

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DEFINITION OF FIVE OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) approve the definition of five outdoor learning environment projects at 52nd Street Elementary School, Birdielee V. Bright Elementary School, Commonwealth Elementary School, Humphreys Avenue Elementary School, and Lockwood Avenue Elementary School (Project), as described in Exhibit A to Board Report No. 075-22/23, amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein, and 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 projects including budget modifications; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Projects include, but are not limited to, removal of excess relocatable buildings and adjacent asphalt to provide additional green space on the school by constructing an approximately 2,000 square foot outdoor learning space with landscaping, shaded seating areas, shade structure, internet connectivity, sink if infrastructure is already in place, and accessibility improvements; and

WHEREAS, The proposed Projects are identified utilizing the Los Angeles Unified Greening Index (Greening Index) for a ranking of campuses with the greatest need for enhanced greening and the application of Electronic Capacity Assessment Review (ECAR) data to determine campuses with excess portable classrooms that can be removed without a demand to replace the classroom capacity; and

WHEREAS, The Greening Index was developed utilizing data measuring two types of need:

RESOLUTION 2022-48**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DEFINITION OF FIVE OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

1. Community-based need was measured using data from the Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, a comprehensive study of the diverse parks and recreation facilities throughout LA County's cities and unincorporated communities, prepared by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation.
2. Los Angeles Unified's campus specific need was measured by the percentage of hardscape versus greenspace within each school site excluding high school athletic fields

WHEREAS, The combined budget for the five outdoor learning environment projects is \$11,894,670 and will be funded by Bond Program funds targeted in the School Upgrade Program for major modernizations, upgrades, and reconfigurations to school campuses; 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 recommends that the Board of Education approve the definition of five outdoor learning environment projects at 52nd Street Elementary School, Birdielee V. Bright Elementary School, Commonwealth Elementary School, Humphreys Avenue Elementary School, and Lockwood Avenue Elementary School with a combined budget of \$11,894,670, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 075-22/23, 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 November 3, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 10

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 5

/Margaret Fuentes/

Margaret Fuentes
Chair

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