



## Board of Education Report

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### **Define and Approve Two Student and Family Resource Center Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein**

**December 12, 2023**

**Facilities Services Division and Division of School Operations**

#### **Action Proposed:**

Define and approve two Student and Family Resource Center (Centers) Projects at Bethune Middle School and Susan Miller Dorsey High School (Dorsey High School) (Projects) as described in Exhibit A and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein. The total combined budget for the two proposed Projects is \$3,329,743.

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 the purchase of equipment and materials.

#### **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. The updated SUP framework and the Measure RR Implementation Plan help guide the identification of sites and development of project proposals, which meet the goals of and priorities for Measure RR.

Funding has been prioritized within the SUP to construct new and/or expand school-based wellness centers. The new Student and Family Resource Center Projects fall under the SUP category of need for School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning, and Efficiency (WHALE).

Student Health and Human Services (SHHS) and Facilities Services Division assessed areas with a high need for health and well-being services and met with school administrators to determine which campuses have space in existing buildings to accommodate a Student and Family Resource Center. Bethune Middle School and Dorsey High School were determined to have a high need for health and well-being services and have feasible site conditions for operating Student and Family Resource Centers. Both schools have a high percentage of students who live below the poverty line and a high percentage of chronic absenteeism. Additionally, both schools have underutilized classroom space that can accommodate the new centers, which will be located at the perimeter of the campus, allowing for a separate and secured entrance for families and the community.

The Student and Family Resource Centers will be operated by Los Angeles Unified School District SHHS. The Centers will be equipped to deliver a comprehensive set of services to promote the health and well-being of students and families. The catalog of services varies among Centers based on the needs of each community and resources available, and may include the following: attendance counseling, individual or group mental health counseling, mental telehealth counseling, health insurance enrollment assistance, case management, direct access to basic needs (e.g., school supplies, hygiene, laundry, nutrition), and general student, parent, and community resources.

The proposed Projects are located in Board District 1 (Dr. George J. McKenna) and Board District 7 (Tanya Ortiz Franklin).

**Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:**

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on November 30, 2023. Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment is in alignment with BOC recommendations and will facilitate the successful implementation of the Facilities SEP.

**Expected Outcomes:**

Define and approve the proposed Projects and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein. Approval will authorize staff to proceed with the implementation of the proposed Projects and expenditure of Bond Program funds.

The Student and Family Resource Centers, once completed, will provide upgraded facilities equipped to deliver a comprehensive set of services to promote the health and well-being of students, families, and community members.

**Board Options and Consequences:**

Approval will allow staff to further develop, design, and construct the Student and Family Resource Center facilities as described in Exhibit A (attached).

If staff's proposal is not approved, the proposed Projects will not commence, and the students and communities of each school will not be provided with the opportunity to benefit from the services provided at the Student and Family Resource Centers.

**Policy Implications:**

The proposal does not impact Los Angeles Unified policy. The proposed action advances Los Angeles Unified's 2022-2026 Strategic Plan Pillar 2 Joy and Wellness by investing in and operating modern healthcare facilities that support the health and well-being of students, families, and community members.

**Budget Impact:**

The combined project budget for the two proposed Student and Family Resource Center Projects is \$3,329,743. The proposed Projects will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency.

The project budgets were prepared based on the current information known, and assumptions about each proposed Project's 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 proposed Projects, once completed, will provide Student and Family Resource Centers that provide health and well-being resources for approximately 1,670 students and their families.

**Equity Impact:**

Prospective school sites in areas of high need for health and well-being services and have adequate space in existing buildings on the school's campus to accommodate the Student and Family Resource Center were

identified.

**Issues and Analysis:**

Staff will implement all opportunities to minimize construction impacts on school operations and the surrounding neighborhoods. The proposed Projects include site work and upgrades at two existing buildings at Bethune Middle School and one existing building at Dorsey High School.

The Office of Environmental Health and Safety (OEHS) will evaluate the proposed Projects in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

**Attachments:**

Exhibit A: Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Two Student & Family Resource Center Projects

Exhibit B: BOC Resolution

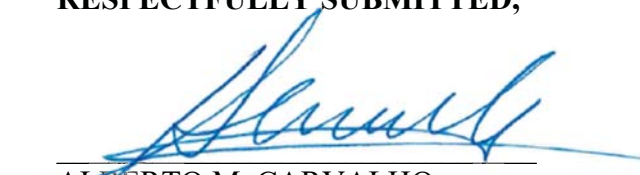
**Informatives:**

None

**Submitted:**

11/06/23

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**Exhibit A**

**Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Two Student and Family Resource Center Projects**

**1. Bethune Middle School – Student and Family Resource Center Project**

*Region South, Board District 7 (Tanya Ortiz Franklin)*

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Minor interior upgrades at the existing “E” Building and Shop Building #2 including new paint, signage, graphics, furniture, and technology. New exterior doors with vision windows will be provided for the mental telehealth counseling rooms.
- Site improvements:
  - Utility connections to support mobile laundry truck
  - Security fencing and gates
  - Intercom Access phone
- 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:    \$1,496,017

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2025.

**2. Dorsey High School – Student and Family Resource Center Project**

*Region South, Board District 1 (Dr. George J. McKenna)*

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Minor interior upgrades at the existing “L” Building (Science Building #2) including new paint, signage, graphics, furniture, and technology. Minor demolition of built-in cabinets and installation of new flooring at select locations.
- Site improvements:
  - Utility connections to support mobile laundry truck
  - Security fencing and gates
  - Intercom Access phone
- Improvements to ensure compliance with local, state, and federal requirements including from the ADA, DSA, CEQA, and DTSC.

Project Budget:    \$1,833,726

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2025.

**LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION BOND CITIZENS' OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

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**RESOLUTION 2023-41**

**BOARD REPORT 125-23/24**

**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE TWO STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified) Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) define and approve two Student and Family Resource Center (Center) Projects at Bethune Middle School and Dorsey High School (Projects), amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 125-23/24 and request 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; and

WHEREAS, Funding has been prioritized within the SUP to construct new and/or expand school-based wellness centers; and

WHEREAS, The new Student and Family Resource Center Projects fall under the SUP category of need for School Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning, and Efficiency (WHALE); and

WHEREAS, Student Health and Human Services (SHHS) and Facilities Services Division assessed areas with a high need for health and well-being services and met with school administrators to determine which campuses have space in existing buildings to accommodate a Student and Family Resource Center; and

WHEREAS, Bethune Middle School and Dorsey High School were determined to have a high need for health and well-being services (such as a high percentage of students who live below the poverty line and a high percentage of chronic absenteeism) and have feasible site conditions for operating Student and Family Resource Centers as both schools have underutilized classroom space that can accommodate the new centers which will be located at the perimeter of the campus, allowing for a separate and secured entrance for families and the community; and

**RESOLUTION 2023-41****RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE TWO STUDENT AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER PROJECTS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN**

WHEREAS, The Student and Family Resource Centers will be operated by LAUSD SHHS; and

WHEREAS, The Centers will be equipped to deliver a comprehensive set of services to promote the health and well-being of students and families. The catalog of services varies among Centers based on the needs of each community and resources available, and may include the following: attendance counseling, individual or group mental health counseling, mental telehealth counseling, health insurance enrollment assistance, case management, direct access to basic needs (e.g., school supplies, hygiene, laundry, nutrition), and general student, parent, and community resources; and

WHEREAS, The combined project budget for the two Student and Family Resource Center Projects is \$3,329,743 and will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has stated that the Office of General Counsel has concluded that expenditures of the intended bond funds for these projects are legally permissible under State and Federal law including with respect to applicable federal tax-exempt bond requirements; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Unified Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP amendment will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully implement the Facilities SEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) recommends that the Board define and approve two Student and Family Resource Center Projects at Bethune Middle School and Dorsey High School, and amend the Facilities SEP, accordingly, as described in Board Report No. 125-23/24, 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 Board and posted on the BOC's website.
3. Los Angeles Unified 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 Los Angeles Unified.

ADOPTED on November 30, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 9

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 5

/Margaret Fuentes/

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Chair

/Michael Hamner/

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