



Board of Education Report

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Approve the Definition of Four Outdoor Learning Environment Projects and Amend the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Incorporate Therein

March 27, 2023

Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Approve the definition of four outdoor learning environment projects at 95th Street Elementary School, Charles W. Barrett Elementary School, Langdon Avenue Elementary School and Victory Boulevard 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 four outdoor learning environment projects is \$9,326,234.

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. 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.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on February 23, 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 complete the Facilities SEP.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of the proposed four 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. 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 four outdoor learning environment projects is \$9,326,234. The Projects will be funded by Bond Program funds in the SUP 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 2,240 students attending these four schools are provided with safe, welcoming, and sustainable outdoor learning environments that support student-centered, experiential, and engaged learning.

Equity Impact:

In alignment with the 2022-2026 Strategic Plan, Los Angeles Unified is committed to creating environments where students feel safe, welcome, and excited to learn, and to a strategy that includes developing safe and sustainable green spaces, outdoor learning environments, and shaded areas at each school.

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 principle 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.

Attachments:

Exhibit A: Scope, Budget, and Schedule for Four Outdoor Learning Environment Projects

Exhibit B: BOC Resolution

Previously adopted Board reports referenced in the Background section:

- Adopted August 24, 2021: [Board Report No. 027-21/22](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WJNvfl_ATG8VbpDx6KXq4_w2GxmSBNJA/view?usp=sharing)
[<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WJNvfl_ATG8VbpDx6KXq4_w2GxmSBNJA/view?usp=sharing>](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1WJNvfl_ATG8VbpDx6KXq4_w2GxmSBNJA/view?usp=sharing)

Informatives:

None

Submitted:


02/16/2023

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Exhibit A

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

1. 95th Street Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

HEET Community of Schools, Region South, Board District 1 (Dr. George McKenna)

Project Background and Scope: 95th Street Elementary School serves students in transitional kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2022-2023 Electronic Capacity Assessment Review (E-CAR), the school served 740 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 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: \$2,257,343

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2026.

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2. Charles W. Barrett Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

Fremont Community of Schools, Region South, Board District 1 (Dr. George McKenna)

Project Background and Scope: Charles W. Barrett Elementary School serves students in kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2022-2023 E-CAR, the school served 537 students.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of two bungalow buildings (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: \$2,625,146

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2026.

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3. Langdon Avenue Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

Monroe Community of Schools, Region North, Board District 6 (Kelly Gonez)

Project Background and Scope: Langdon Avenue Elementary School serves students in transitional kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2022-2023 E-CAR, the school served 522 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: \$2,257,343

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2026.

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4. Victory Boulevard Elementary School Outdoor Learning Environment Project

North Hollywood/Valley Village Community of Schools, Region North, Board District 6 (Kelly Gonez)

Project Background and Scope: Victory Boulevard Elementary School serves students in kindergarten through 5th grade. As of the 2022-2023 E-CAR, the school served 447 students.

The project includes, but is not limited to:

- Removal of one portable 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: \$2,186,402

Project Schedule: Construction is anticipated to begin in Q4-2024 and be completed in Q1-2026.

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**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL OF THE DEFINITION OF FOUR 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 four outdoor learning environment projects at 95th Street Elementary School, Charles W. Barrett Elementary School, Langdon Avenue Elementary School and Victory Boulevard Elementary School (Project), as described in Exhibit A to Board Report No. 192-22/23, 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:

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

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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 four outdoor learning environment projects is \$9,326,234 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 approve the definition of four outdoor learning environment projects at 95th Street Elementary School, Charles W. Barrett Elementary School, Langdon Avenue Elementary School and Victory Boulevard Elementary School with a combined budget of \$9,326,234, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report No. 192-22/23, 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 February 23, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

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