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RESOLUTION 2014-40

BOARD REPORT NO. 107-14/15

**AMENDMENT TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY STRATEGIC EXECUTION
PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE COMPUTER REFRESH PROJECT IN SUPPORT OF
THE MY INTEGRATED STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM (MISIS) ROLLOUT**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Information Technology Division (ITD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Computer Refresh Project in Support of the MiSiS Rollout to purchase up to 3,340 desktop computers for 784 school site offices and 11,270 mobile devices for secondary school teachers with a budget not to exceed \$16,476,710 (the "Project") as described in the Board Report No. #107-14/15, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference; and

WHEREAS, the District has replaced legacy student information systems with the My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS) and implemented a large set of functionalities at the start of the 2014-15 school year, including but not limited to, attendance, enrollment, master scheduling, GATE, counseling, discipline, and the gradebook, as approved on May 13, 2013, by the Independent Monitor and Plaintiff's Counsel in compliance with the Chanda Smith Modified Consent Decree; and

WHEREAS, the District recently invested in providing 784 schools with 1 to 2 desktop computers in order to provide new equipment for front office staff to access and use MiSiS. Unfortunately, the new computers provided for the school offices were not sufficient to ease schools' transition to MiSiS. Schools are ill-equipped to access new software technologies with aging computers that have slow processing power and insufficient memory; and

WHEREAS, the District has mandated the use of the MiSiS gradebook for school year 2014-15, in accordance with the Modified Consent Decree requirements beginning November 17, 2014 for elementary school teachers and January 12, 2015 for secondary school teachers; and

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WHEREAS, the Project will allow the District to facilitate the transition to MiSiS and provide better services to the District's students and their families; and

WHEREAS, the estimated total investment is not to exceed \$16,476,710 to purchase up to 3,340 desktop computers for 784 school site offices and 11,270 mobile devices for secondary school teachers;

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that the proposed SEP amendment will facilitate implementation of the ITD SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the ITD SEP; and

WHEREAS, the BOC was persuaded that some additional desktop computers and mobile devices were needed to facilitate the transition to MiSiS, and that there was some urgency to this need, but the BOC was not persuaded that District Staff had reasonably calculated the extent of the need, and on the facts presented to the BOC, the District's need assessment seemed excessive.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education amend the Information Technology Division (ITD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Computer Refresh Project in Support of the MiSiS Rollout to purchase additional desktop computers and mobile devices with a budget not to exceed \$5,500,000. The BOC will be open to consider recommending additional funding for desktop computers and mobile devices purchases upon a showing of need for such purchases presented at the next meeting of the BOC.
2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
3. That a written response as required by the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the Board be provided to the Oversight Committee within 30 days, reporting either on action taken or proposed to be taken in response to this resolution and each recommendation herein.

ADOPTED on September 25, 2014 by the following vote:

AYES: **9**

ABSTENTIONS: **0**

NAYS: **0**

ABSENCES: **5**

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Chair

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Report Number:	107-14/15
Date:	October 14, 2014
Subject:	Amendment to the Information Technology Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve Computer Refresh Project in Support of the My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS) Rollout
Responsible Staff:	
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Office/Division	Information Technology Division
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Action Proposed: Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Information Technology Division Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve the Computer Refresh Project in Support of the MiSiS Rollout with a budget not to exceed \$16,476,710 to purchase up to 3,340 desktop computers for 784 school site offices and 11,270 mobile devices for secondary school teachers who have not yet received a Common Core Technology Project device.

Background: MiSiS replaces the legacy student information systems to provide a single and comprehensive system built on modern technologies. At the start of the 2014-15 school year, MiSiS released a large set of functionalities, including but not limited to, attendance, enrollment, master scheduling, GATE, counseling, discipline, and the gradebook, as approved by the Independent Monitor and Plaintiff's Counsel in compliance with the Modified Consent Decree on May 13, 2013.

Recently, the MiSiS project provided 784 schools with 1 to 2 desktop computers, based on norm day enrollment, in order to provide each front office with new hardware to access and use MiSiS. Unfortunately, the new computers provided for the school offices were not sufficient to ease schools' transition to MiSiS. Schools are ill-equipped to access new software technologies with aging computers that have slow processing power and insufficient memory. This impacts the ability of school office staff, teachers, and administrators to provide services to students and their families.

New computers for front offices and classrooms will facilitate the necessary school functions that school staff and teachers need to perform on a daily basis, including taking attendance, enrolling students, and entering grades. The need for new computers is further intensified by the



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mandated use of the MiSiS Gradebook beginning in January 12, 2015 for secondary teachers.

The action allows LAUSD to facilitate schools' transition to MiSiS and provide better services to our students and their families.

Expected Outcomes: Approval of the proposed action to purchase new computers for all school offices and secondary teachers.

Board Options and Consequences: Approval of the proposed action will replace out of date computers that school office staff and teachers are using to access MiSiS to perform necessary daily school functions.

If the proposed action is not approved, aging computers at schools will not be replaced and staff will continue to experience difficulty accessing District applications, including but not limited to, My Integrated Student Information System, Welligent, MyData, and Cafeteria Management System.

Policy Implications: This action is consistent with the District's approval of the My Integrated Student Information System and the mandate of the MiSiS gradebook, in accordance with the Modified Consent Decree.

Budget Impact: The proposed action impacts Bond Program Funds only. The total combined budget of \$16,476,710 includes \$3,161,922 for desktop computers at 784 schools and \$13,314,798 for mobile devices for all secondary teachers. Funding will come from Bond Program funds allocated to the School Upgrade Program (SUP) category of need "unallocated funds for to-be-determined needs". There is no anticipated impact to General Fund.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations: This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its September 25, 2014 meeting. Staff has concluded that this proposed SEP Amendment will facilitate the implementation of the ITD-SEP, and therefore it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the ITD-SEP.

Issues and Analysis: Not applicable.



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Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:

DR. JOHN E. DEASY
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School Operations

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APPROVED &
PRESENTED BY:

DAVID HOLMQUIST
General Counsel

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RONALD S. CHANDLER
Chief Information Officer
Information Technology Division

☐ Approved as to form.

TONY ATIENZA
Director of Budget Services and
Financial Planning

☐ Approved as to budget impact statement.

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MARK HOVATTER
Chief Facilities Executive

☒ Approved as to impacts to facilities.