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RESOLUTION 2015-14

BOARD REPORT NO. 421-14/15

**AMENDMENT TO THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DIVISION STRATEGIC  
EXECUTION PLAN TO REVISE AND APPROVE THE MY INTEGRATED STUDENT  
INFORMATION SYSTEM (MISIS) PROJECT**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Information Technology Division (ITD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to revise and approve the My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS) Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, the Project will replace the legacy student information systems to provide a single and comprehensive system built on modern technology, as mandated by the Modified Consent Decree; and

WHEREAS, over the last four months, the team has corrected bugs and functional gaps for the most critical areas of MiSiS; held several focus groups to get input and feedback from school users; worked to stabilize system performance; and made strides in re-establishing governance and third-party oversight; and

WHEREAS, significant work remains surrounding implementation of the MiSiS gradebook, data quality and integrity, training and organizational readiness, system performance, as well as functionality gaps that impede the work at our schools and impact our parents and students; and

WHEREAS, the main priority of the MiSiS Project is to provide a functional system for the schools in order to meet the needs of our teachers, administrators, students, and school-based staff; and

WHEREAS, the Project is currently defined with a \$45,465,725 funding allocation as listed in the 2014 Information Technology (IT) Strategic Execution Plan; and

WHEREAS, this proposed action allocates an additional \$8,500,000 from Bond Program funds allocated to the School Upgrade Program (SUP) category of need "unallocated funds for

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to-be-determined needs” to cover expenses for May and June 2015 as the District works to ensure that MiSiS is ready for four critical milestones: Summer School, Master Scheduling, Year End Closeout, and New Year Enrollment. Staff will return to the Board to present a comprehensive plan including clear scope, schedule, and budget with deliverables and accountabilities and request the remaining funding needed to complete the project; and

WHEREAS, the Project is eligible for bond funding because it involves the installation and upgrading of information-technology infrastructure including equipment, software, cabling and other resources, as well as, hardware and software for information-technology applications, and is therefore a project encompassed by the Bond Project Lists approved by the voters in Measures R, Y, and Q; and

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.

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 Strategic Execution Plans to revise and approve the My Integrated Student Information System (MiSiS) Project as described in the Board Report No. 421-14/15 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 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 March 26, 2015, by the following vote:

AYES: **9** - Mr. English, Ms. Nguyen, Mr. Folsom, Mr. Magruder, Mr. Francis,  
Ms. Lugo, Ms. Marquez, Mr. Naimo, Mr. Waite

NAYS: **0**

ABSTENTIONS: **0**

ABSENT: **5** - Ms. Schmidt, Mr. Escala, Mr. Miller, Mr. Pansky, Ms. Valles

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**Bond Oversight Committee**

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<b>Report Number:</b>	421-14/15
<b>Date:</b>	April 14, 2015
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to the Information Technology Division Strategic Execution Plan to Revise and Approve the My Integrated Student Information Systems (MiSiS) Project
<b>Responsible Staff:</b>	
Name:	Ramon C. Cortines, Superintendent of Schools
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**Action Proposed:** Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Information Technology Division Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to revise and approve the My Integrated Student Information Systems (MiSiS) Project. The current project budget is \$45,465,725<sup>1</sup> in approved bond funding. This proposed action allocates an additional \$8,500,000 of bond funding to cover expenses for May and June 2015. If approved, the new budget will be \$53,965,725.

**Background:** MiSiS was to replace the legacy student information systems to provide a single and comprehensive system built on modern technologies. The main goal of the MiSiS Project is to provide a functional integrated student data system for schools in order to meet the needs of our teachers, administrators, school-based staff, students, and families.

The Board initially approved the MiSiS Project with a budget of \$29,744,820 on June 18, 2013 (BOE 317-12/13), an additional \$3,600,000 to purchase desktop computers for school-based staff approved on October 14, 2014 (BOE 107-13/14), and an additional \$12,120,905 to cover expenses for January and February 2015 approved on December 9, 2014 (BOE 256-14/15).

Over the last four months, the new MiSiS leadership—Diane H. Pappas as MiSiS lead, Shahryar Khazei as Program Director, and Gary Sabia as Project Director—worked side-by-side with Microsoft experts to implement the recommendations in the Viramontes report as it relates to “findings,” “progress,” and “work to be done.”

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<sup>1</sup> This does not include the expenditures for the previous Student Information System project (ISIS) or expenditures from Fiscal Years 2013 and 2014 that may ultimately be attributed to MiSiS.



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Some of the team's key accomplishments are as follows:

- Reorganization of the project team into end-to-end "pods" focused on specific functional areas
- Engagement with LAUSD leadership and school users through ongoing planning sessions, focus groups, and sign-offs from leadership
- Corrections of the highest priority bugs and functional gaps needed for school events
- Progress toward a controlled release process that includes adequate time for thorough quality assurance and system testing
- Improvement of system stability, evidenced by 99.6% MiSiS system uptime during school hours since November
- Preparations for the revitalization of the project steering committee and the acquisition of third-party oversight
- A dedicated environment for developing and testing charter school functionality for MiSiS
- Collaboration with the Office of Curriculum, Instruction, and School Support to determine the instructional needs and timeline for the MiSiS gradebook

The current request for \$8,500,000 will sustain the project through June 2015 to continue correcting bugs and functional gaps, collecting requirements from business owners and end users, and ensuring readiness for Summer School, Master Scheduling, Year End Closeout, and New Year Enrollment.

In June 2015, staff will return to the Board of Education with a comprehensive plan and request for funding to complete the MiSiS project. The plan will include clear scope, schedule, and budget with deliverables and accountabilities to provide a fully functional integrated student data system to our teachers, administrators, school-based staff, students, and families.

**Expected Outcomes:** Approval of the proposed action and subsequent investments will fund efforts to stabilize MiSiS.

**Board Options and Consequences:** Approval of the proposed action will provide additional funding needed for efforts to stabilize MiSiS.

If the proposed action is not approved, our schools, students, and families will be negatively impacted. Without this funding, our team will be delayed in stabilizing MiSiS and making it functional. There could be major disruption to schools during Summer School, Master Scheduling,



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Year End Closeout, and New Year Enrollment.

<b>Policy Implications:</b>	Without this action, schools cannot meet students' needs. This action is consistent with the District's approval of the My Integrated Student Information System, in accordance with the Modified Consent Decree.
<b>Budget Impact:</b>	<p>The requested bond funding allocation being proposed as part of this action is \$8,500,000. Funding will come from Bond Program funds from the "unallocated funds" category in the School Upgrade Program.</p> <p>There is no anticipated one time (non-recurring) General Fund impact associated with this request.</p>
<b>Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:</b>	This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its March 26, 2015 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.
<b>Issues and Analysis:</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Attachments:</b>	Bond Oversight Committee Resolution 2015-xx
<b>Informative:</b>	None.
<b>Desegregation Impact Statement</b>	N/A



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Respectfully submitted,

APPROVED BY:

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MICHELLE KING  
Chief Deputy Superintendent

REVIEWED BY:

A blue ink signature of David Holmquist.

DAVID HOLMQUIST  
General Counsel

☒ Approved as to form.

A black ink signature of Cheryl Simpson.

CHERYL SIMPSON  
Interim 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