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RESOLUTION 2016-16

BOARD REPORT NO. 391-15/16

**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC
EXECUTION PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE A SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (SEEDS) PROJECT AT
CHEREMOYA AVENUE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve one Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) project at Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School as defined in Board Report 391-15/16, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference, which has a total budget of \$43,700; and

WHEREAS, On June 18, 2013, the Board of Education amended the FSD SEP to establish the SEEDS program and allocate \$5,000,000 for the development of future projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school and community led efforts; and

WHEREAS, District Staff evaluated proposals based on the specific criteria and requirements outlined in the SEEDS program guide to ensure each proposal meets the eligibility requirements and proposals must include a written project narrative describing the project scope, an explanation of how the project will be integrated into the school's curriculum, and confirmation of the availability of resources to outfit and maintain the outdoor learning space and the project being recommended was reviewed and is found to be in compliance with the program requirements; and

WHEREAS, The total budget for this project is \$43,700 funded by Bond Program funds, of which \$35,000 is from funds earmarked specifically to "Leverage Partnerships to Provide After

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School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities” and \$8,700 is from Board Member Priority funds; and

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or its partner organization must enter into a Maintenance Agreement that provides for the on-going maintenance of the proposed outdoor learning space; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan to define and approve one Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) project at Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School as defined in Board Report 391-15/16, 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 April 28, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: 10

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4

Scott Folsom

Scott Folsom
Vice Chair

Stephen English

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Acting Secretary



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Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve a Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Project at Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School

May 10, 2016

Facilities Services Division

Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve one Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) project at Cheremoya Avenue Elementary School. The total budget for this project is \$43,700. The proposed project includes the construction of an approximately 4,000 square foot kindergarten outdoor learning space consisting of the installation of an irrigation system, tricycle path and concrete bench seating. The project will be outfitted by the school site and partner organizations (EnrichLA and Cheremoya Foundation) and is planned to include synthetic turf, planting materials and boulders. The proposed project is anticipated to begin construction in the third quarter of 2016, and be completed in the fourth quarter of 2016. The proposed project is located in Board District 4 (Steve Zimmer) and Local District West.

Background:

On June 18, 2013, the Board of Education amended the FSD SEP to establish the SEEDS program and allocate \$5,000,000 for the development of future projects that will enhance school sites by creating outdoor learning spaces in collaboration with school and community led efforts. There are two components to the SEEDS program. The first component is development of the outdoor learning space that will be constructed by the District and includes capital investments, such as asphalt removal, installation of irrigation and utilities, and any associated testing and inspection. The second component, which is essential to the success of each project, is the collaboration with a school site and/or partner organization that will outfit the outdoor learning space with the plant materials and landscaping features that align with the school's instructional vision and program.

Potential projects are identified through proposals submitted by schools, and or partners. A school site by itself, or in cooperation with a partner organization, may submit a SEEDS application to receive up to \$35,000 to create or improve an outdoor learning space. District staff evaluate proposals based on the specific criteria and requirements outlined in the SEEDS program guide to ensure each proposal meets the eligibility requirements. Proposals must include a written project narrative describing the project scope, an explanation of how the project will be integrated into the school's curriculum, and confirmation of the availability of resources to outfit and maintain the outdoor learning space. The recommended project was reviewed and found to be in compliance with the program requirements.

Expected Outcomes:

Approval of this proposed action will enable staff to proceed with the design and construction of this project. Approval of this greening project will improve the learning environment for students, teachers and staff, increase sustainability, and enhance the outdoor school environment.

Board Options and Consequences:

Approval of this proposed action will authorize staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to execute this project that supports educational programs related to nutrition, health, literacy, math and science. If this project is not approved, the school site will not benefit from the creation of a nature-based outdoor learning space.

Policy Implications:

The proposed action is consistent with the District's long-term goal to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with safe and healthy learning environments. It is also aligned with the goals and principles of the School Upgrade Program, which was approved by the Board of Education on January 14, 2014.

Furthermore, it supports the *Expand Sustainable Schoolyards and Environmental Initiatives and Curriculum* Board Resolution adopted on April 16, 2013.

Budget Impact:

The total budget for this project is \$43,700 funded by Bond Program funds, of which \$35,000 is from funds earmarked specifically to "Leverage Partnerships to Provide After School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities" and \$8,700 is from Board Member Priority funds.

Issues and Analysis:

In order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or its partner organization must enter into a Maintenance Agreement that provides for the on-going maintenance of the proposed outdoor learning space.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on April 28, 2016. Staff has concluded that this proposed FSD-SEP amendment will help facilitate implementation of the FSD-SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the FSD-SEP.

Attachments:

None.

Informatives:

None.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

APPROVED BY:

MICHELLE KING
Superintendent

MARK HOVATTER
Chief Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

REVIEWED BY:

PRESENTED BY:

DAVID HOLMQUIST
General Counsel

KRISZTINA TOKES
Director of Asset Management
Facilities Services Division

___ Approved as to form.

REVIEWED BY:

CHERYL SIMPSON
Director, Budget Services and Financial Planning

___ Approved as to budget impact statement.