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BOARD REPORT NO. 325-18/19

**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION  
PLAN TO APPROVE \$15 MILLION FOR PHASE III OF THE DRINKING WATER  
QUALITY PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to approve \$15 million for Phase III of the Drinking Water Quality Program (the "Program") as described in Board Report 325-18/19 attached hereto; and authorize the (Interim) Chief/Deputy Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive, and/or his designee(s), to execute all instruments necessary to implement the next phase of the program, including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials; and

WHEREAS, District Staff's proposal consists of sampling all active drinking water fountains at all school sites, and upgrading drinking water fountains to bring lead levels to below five parts per billion (ppb), and installing water bottle filling stations at select school sites; and

WHEREAS In 2009, the Board of Education ("Board") approved \$12.5 million for Phase I of the Program to mitigate lead in water to 15 ppb at schools with the youngest students; and in 2015, the Board approved \$19.8 million for Phase II to mitigate lead in water at school sites not completed in the prior phase; and whereby work was completed for all District K-12 schools at the end of 2018, thus exempting schools from the daily flushing requirement; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Environmental Protective Agency has updated its guidelines to recommend that school and child care facilities implement programs for reducing lead in drinking water *to lowest levels possible* as part of their overall plans for maintaining healthy learning environments; and the District moreover anticipates that upcoming State legislation will lower the lead in drinking water standard from 15 ppb to five ppb; and

WHEREAS, Phase III of the Drinking Water Quality Program will permit staff to continue efforts to ensure that drinking water at schools meet or exceed regulatory guidance and State standards; and

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WHEREAS, Phase III will begin by surveying all schools sites to ensure there is an updated sample record for every drinking water fountain on campus; and based on test findings, sites will be identified for lead mitigation efforts to bring the required fountains below five ppb and install water bottle filling stations, starting with schools that serve the youngest students, e.g., Early Education Centers, Special Education Schools and as many Elementary Schools as the initial \$15 million funding allocation permits; and

WHEREAS, District Staff will return to the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee and the Board of Education for authorization to complete Phase III at the remaining schools, if and when additional funding is identified in the future; and

WHEREAS, the Program is consistent with the District's commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment; and

WHEREAS, the Board's approval of this proposal will authorize District Staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to undertake lead mitigation efforts and water bottle filling station installations as part of Phase III of the Drinking Water Quality Program; 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 (SEP) to approve \$15 million for Phase III of the Drinking Water Quality Program as described in Board Report 325-18/19 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.

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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 11, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: 8

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 4



Rachel Greene  
Chair



Bevin Ashenmiller  
Vice-Chair