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RESOLUTION 2022-51

BOARD REPORT 123-22/23

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE A \$30 MILLION DISTRICTWIDE PROGRAM FOR COOLING RELIEF AT SCHOOL CAFETERIA KITCHENS AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) define and approve a Districtwide program with a budget of \$30 million to provide air conditioning equipment at school cafeteria kitchens (Program), 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 to implement the Program; and

WHEREAS, The Measure RR Implementation Plan included the development of school cafeteria upgrade projects to provide cooling in cafeteria kitchens, upgrade cafeteria management systems, and modernize cafeteria serving lines; and

WHEREAS, The Program will provide permanent air conditioning equipment at school cafeteria kitchens that currently have insufficient cooling as determined by the Food Services Division. The work to be undertaken at each school includes, but is not limited to:

- Purchase and install new three to five-ton commercial grade air conditioning units.
- Provide electrical upgrades to support the new systems and any other required improvements or mitigations to ensure compliance with local, state, and/or federal facilities requirements.

WHEREAS, The proposed Program will provide cooling relief in school cafeteria kitchens to help improve the health, safety, and working conditions for staff to continue serving nutritional meals to students; and

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WHEREAS, The Food Services Division identified 682 schools Districtwide (Attachment A) in need of cooling relief due to insufficient cooling in school cafeteria kitchens. Prioritization is based on schools located in the highest heat zones followed by the Average Daily Participation (ADP) rate of each school. Heat zone categories are determined based on the number of days the school is measured at more than 86 degrees Fahrenheit. The ADP is calculated using each school's total number of meals served in October 2022 against the number of school days for the month; and

WHEREAS, The purchase and installation of air conditioning equipment is anticipated to begin in the first quarter of 2023 with the goal to complete as many sites as feasible before the start of the 2023-24 school year. Installation of equipment at sites will be prioritized as shown in Attachment A. The completion of the entire program may be impacted by ongoing global supply chain challenges as well as unforeseen site conditions at school sites that will require more extensive electrical upgrades. Therefore, the program completion is anticipated in the second quarter of 2024; and

WHEREAS, The \$30 million allocation may not be sufficient to provide air conditioning systems at all schools listed on Attachment A. Installation will be provided at as many schools as possible, as prioritized on Attachment A, until the funding is exhausted; 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 Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education define and approve a Districtwide program with a budget of \$30 million to provide Air Conditioning Systems at School Cafeteria Kitchens, and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein, as described in Board Report 123-22/23, 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 December 1, 2022, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

NAYS: 0

ABSTENTIONS: 0 ABSENCES: 4

/Margaret Fuentes/

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