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Report Number:	341-10/11
Date:	June 14, 2011
Subject:	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Allocate \$20 Million for the Development of Parent and Family Center Upgrade and Improvement Projects
Responsible Staff:	
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Action Proposed: Staff proposes that the Board of Education approve an amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to allocate \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects.

Background: Over the last six months the District has steadily increased the importance placed on parent, family and community engagement which is evident by the inclusion of this group in the District's Strategic Roadmap, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Performance Meter and the District's Core Beliefs. Moreover, on December 14, 2010, the Board of Education approved a resolution that focused on promoting the active participation of parents in their child's education and improving the District's parental engagement practices, infrastructure and accountability. The newly created position of Chief of School, Family & Parent/Community Services is a further indication of the importance that is being given to parents, families and the community in the education of every LAUSD student.

The December 2010, Board-approved Parents as Equal Partners in the Education of their Children Resolution directed the development, delivery and implementation of a variety of items aimed to increase parent engagement and, ultimately, student achievement. Under the terms of the resolution, a taskforce was established and tasked with developing a District-wide Parents' Bill of Rights & Responsibilities and creating a



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framework of viable delivery models for parent and family centers and the implementation of a District Family Support Network. When complete, the Parents' Bill of Rights & Responsibilities will serve as a tool to improve parental engagement and a guide for the 2011-2014 Strategic Plan for Parental Involvement. The establishment of a District Family Support Network that has a clear connection with school site parent and family centers is intended to remove barriers to meaningful parent engagement and increase family wrap-around services and trainings.

The allocation of \$20 Million of Bond Program funds for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects is being recommended to support the District's commitment to increasing parent, family and community engagement. The Facilities Services Division (FSD) component of this commitment is its role in creating and executing improvement projects that provide schools with new or enhanced parent and family center facilities that reflects the central role of parents and families in education and from which engagement can occur. According to the Parent Community Services Branch, as reinforced by the Equal Partners Taskforce, a fundamental principle for authentic engagement is a welcoming environment at each school.

Investments in parent and family center facilities will be based on District-wide needs for parental engagement with the greatest need being determined by data including API and other indicators. The prioritization, development and execution of projects will be a collaborative effort between FSD, Parent Community Services Branch and Local District staff. This group will solicit participation and input from school administrators, Board Offices, parents and members of the Equal Partners Taskforce. To help ensure that adequate operational funds are available to support these capital investments, the initial efforts may begin with Title 1 schools. These investments will serve as a lever for greater programmatic investment, educator professional development and school site accountability.

Projects will be developed to upgrade and improve existing parent and family centers and to repurpose available facilities capacity to create a parent and family center. Project scopes may include minor renovations, upgrades and equipping the facility with furniture, fixtures and equipment including technology and signage. Staff may also pursue the possibility of creating additional facility capacity to enable a new parent and family center to be established, as well as improvements to existing centers to create an outside entrance/exit. Project scopes and budgets will vary based on general parent and family center standards and the conditions at each school. Individual project definitions including budget, scope and schedule will be brought to the Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for review and



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the Board of Education for approval at a future date.

Expected Outcomes: Allocating \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects. If approved, projects will be developed to help increase parent engagement and ultimately help students meet their full potential.

Board Options and Consequences: A “yes” vote will allow staff to proceed with developing improvement projects that provide schools with an enhanced parent and family center that reflects the central role of parents and families in education and from which engagement can occur. If the proposed Board Report is not approved, funding will not be available to provide improvements to parent and family centers throughout the District.

Policy Implications: These actions are consistent with the District’s commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment. Additionally, it supports the Board-approved *Parents as Equal Partners in the Education of their Children Resolution*, the District’s Strategic Roadmap, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Performance Meter and the District’s Core Beliefs that pertain to parent, family and community engagement. The development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects will help move the District closer to achieving its goal of increased parent, family and community engagement, and ultimately college-prepared and career-ready students at every school.

Budget Impact: If this item is approved, \$20 Million from the FSD Program Reserve will be allocated for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects. Of this \$20 Million, \$2 Million will be set aside for contingency to address unforeseen conditions, unanticipated scope changes and cost escalation.

Issues and Analysis: Research has shown that parent engagement is inextricably linked to student achievement and success; as such the District has identified family and community, together with students and educators, as part of its theory of change to personalize the learning environment for all students and adults. Investing bond funds into upgrade and improvement projects that provide schools with an enhanced parent and family center that reflects the central role of parents and families in education will provide the welcoming environment for which engagement can occur and student achievement can be supported.

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**Bond Oversight
Committee
Recommendations:**

This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on May 18, 2011. The BOC adopted the attached resolution by a vote of 12 ayes and 0 noe.

Staff has concluded that this proposed SEP Amendment will facilitate implementation of the SEP, and therefore, it will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the SEP.

Attachments:

Informative

Desegregation

Impact Statement A Desegregation Impact Statement is not required.



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Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION 2011-30**BOARD REPORT NO. 341-10/11****FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO
ALLOCATE \$20 MILLION FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARENT AND FAMILY
CENTER UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, over the last six months the District has steadily increased the importance placed on parent, family and community engagement which is evident by the inclusion of this group in the District's Strategic Roadmap, the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD) Performance Meter and the District's Core Beliefs; and

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2010 the Board of Education approved, a resolution squarely focused on promoting the active participation of parents in their child's education and improving the District's parental engagement practices, infrastructure and accountability; and

WHEREAS, the December 2010, Board-approved *Equal Partners in the Education of their Children Resolution* directed the development, delivery and implementation of a variety of items aimed to increase parent engagement and ultimately student achievement; and

WHEREAS, as a further indication of the importance that is being given to parents, families and the community in the education of every LAUSD student the position of Chief of School, Family & Parent/Community Services was newly created. Also under the terms of the resolution, a taskforce was established and tasked with developing a Districtwide Parents' Bill of Rights & Responsibilities and for creating a framework of viable delivery models for Parent and Family centers and the implementation of a District Family Support Network; and

WHEREAS, Parent and Family Center Projects will be developed to upgrade and improve existing parent and family centers and to repurpose available facilities capacity to create a parent and family center. Project scopes may include minor renovations, upgrades and equipping the facility with furniture, fixtures and equipment including technology and signage; and

WHEREAS, research has shown that parent engagement is inextricably linked to student achievement and success; as such the District has identified family and community, together with students and educators, as part of its theory of change to personalize the learning environment for all students and adults. Investing bond funds into upgrade and improvement projects that provide schools with an enhanced parent and family center that reflects the central role of parents and families in education will provide the welcoming environment for which engagement can occur and student achievement can be supported; and

WHEREAS, \$20 Million from the FSD Program Reserve will be allocated for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects. Of this \$20 Million, \$2 Million will be set aside for contingency to address unforeseen conditions, unanticipated scope changes and cost escalation; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Services Division has concluded (1) that amending the Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to allocate \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects will facilitate implementation of the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan, and (2) that the proposed amendment will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to allocate \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects as described in attached Board Report No. 341-10/11.
2. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee directs the Facilities Services Division to include the operation plan for the parent and family centers when a parent and family center project is presented to the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee for consideration.
3. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
4. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection or pending status of the recommendation as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the District.

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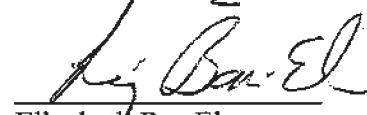
ADOPTED on May18, 2011 by the following vote:

AYES: 12

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 2


David Crippens
Chair
Elizabeth Bar-El
Vice Chair