



# LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

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<b>Report Number:</b>	203-11/12
<b>Date:</b>	April 10, 2012
<b>Subject:</b>	Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve a Parent and Family Center Upgrade and Improvement Project at Miramonte Elementary School
<b>Responsible Staff:</b>	
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**Action Proposed:** Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve a parent and family center upgrade and improvement project at Miramonte Elementary School and authorize the Chief Facilities Executive, and/or his designee, to make any purchases associated with this project. The total budget for this project is \$143,535.

**Background:** On June 14, 2011, the Board of Education amended the FSD SEP to allocate \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects. This action was taken to support the District's commitment to increasing parent, family, and community engagement and the implementation of the Board-adopted *Parents as Equal Partners in the Education of Their Children Resolution*. The facilities improvements that will be made in parent and family centers will enhance each school site's ability to develop and deliver parent training and programming that expands parent capacity to support student learning at home and quality instruction at school.

The identification and development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects is being led by the Parent/Community Services Branch (PCSB) and FSD with support from school site personnel, parents, Local District Superintendent offices and Board Member offices. Projects scopes are developed based on District Parent and Family Center facilities standards, and may include minor renovations, upgrades and equipping the facility with furniture, fixtures and equipment such as technology and



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signage. All projects are capital in nature and adhere to bond language and laws. Project scopes, schedules and budgets will vary based on the facilities needs and site conditions at each school, with age and technology being the biggest variables.

In February 2012, Miramonte Elementary School was reconstituted as part of the District's effort to ensure the safety and well-being of every student. Since the school's reopening, PCSB, together with Local District 7 and the interim Principal have been working to rebuild the trust and confidence of the Miramonte parents, students and community. The District is currently providing targeted assistance to build the infrastructure necessary to foster a strong culture of parent engagement and advocacy. The proposed parent and family center improvement project will support these endeavors. It will provide the space and resources necessary to train parents and equip them with the information and tools needed to be partners in the collective effort to ensure the safety and success of our students.

Miramonte Elementary School is located in Local District 7 and Board District 7 (Richard Vladovic).

**Expected Outcomes:** Execution of this project will create a parent and family center that serves as a learning/training center where parents can access essential resources to support their children's learning. The District's goal of increasing parent and family engagement to promote academic success will also be furthered with the execution of the proposed project.

**Board Options and Consequences:** A "yes" vote will allow staff to execute the project. Failure to approve this Board action will delay the project and ultimately the benefit to the school, as well as the anticipated increase in parent and family engagement.

Staff anticipates that the proposed capital investment will help support a variety of parent learning/training needs; encourage parent participation in their students' education; promote online resources such as the Parent Access System, Integrated Student Information System, Echoices and the FAMILIES website and enhance learning environments.

**Policy Implications:** The action proposed is consistent with Board-approved uses of local bond funds and its commitment to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment. It also supports the Board-approved *Parents as Equal Partners in the Education of their Children Resolution*, and the District's Strategic Roadmap, Performance Meter and Core Beliefs that pertain to parent, family and community engagement.



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**Budget Impact:** The total project budget for the Miramonte Elementary School parent and family center upgrade and improvement project is \$143,535. All funding is from the \$20 Million allocation of Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects.

**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 to enhance parent and family centers will provide the welcoming environment for which engagement can occur and student achievement can be supported. This action, if approved, will also 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.

**Bond Oversight Committee Recommendations:** This item was considered by the School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee (BOC) at its meeting on March 21, 2012. The BOC adopted the attached resolution by a vote of "10" ayes and "0" nays.

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

**Attachments:** N/A

**Informative**

**Desegregation  
Impact Statement**

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Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent

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School Operations

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DAVID HOLMQUIST  
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Approved as to budget impact statement

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**RESOLUTION 2012-09  
BOARD REPORT NO. 203-11/12**

**EXISTING FACILITIES STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN AMENDMENT TO ADD A  
PARENT AND FAMILY CENTER UPGRADE AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AT  
MIRAMONTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN LOCAL DISTRICT 7**

WHEREAS, On June 14, 2011, the Board of Education amended the FSD SEP to allocate \$20 Million for the development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects. This action was taken to support the District's commitment to increasing parent, family, and community engagement and the implementation of the Board-adopted *Parents as Equal Partners in the Education of Their Children Resolution*. The facilities improvements that will be made in parent and family centers will enhance each school site's ability to develop and deliver parent training and programming that expands parent capacity to support student learning at home and quality instruction at school.

WHEREAS, The identification and development of parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects is being led by the Parent/Community Services Branch (PCSB) and FSD with support from school site personnel, parents, Local District Superintendent offices and Board Member offices. Projects scopes are developed based on PCSB parent and family center facilities standards, and may include minor renovations, upgrades and equipping the facility with furniture, fixtures and equipment such as technology and signage. All projects are capital in nature and adhere to bond language and laws. Project scopes, schedules and budgets will vary based on the facilities needs and site conditions at each school, with age and technology being the biggest variables.

WHEREAS, PCSB staff worked with representatives from Local District and Board District offices to identify Miramonte Elementary School with an existing parent and family center that had facilities needs and demonstrated consistent engagement practices. FSD staff visited the identified school site to determine facilities needs, evaluate project feasibility and develop scope.

**Bond Oversight Committee**

Resolution 2012-09  
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Upgrade and Improvement Project at Miramonte Elementary School in Local District 7  
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WHEREAS, funding for the Miramonte Elementary School Family Center Upgrade and Improvement Project budget is \$143,535. All funding is from the \$20 Million allocation of Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for parent and family center upgrade and improvement projects.

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 Existing Facilities Strategic Execution Plan, to add a Parent and Family Center upgrade and improvement project at Miramonte Elementary School located in Local District 7, Board District 7, such that the Strategic Execution Plan is amended to include the Parent and Family Center upgrade and improvement project described in the Board Report No. 203-11/12.
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.

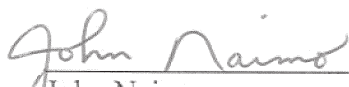
ADOPTED on March 21, 2012 by the following vote:

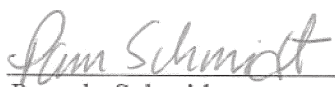
AYES: 10

ABSTAIN: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENT: 3

  
John Naimo  
Vice Chair

  
Pamela Schmidt  
Secretary