



Board of Education Report

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Amendment to the Facilities Services Division Strategic Execution Plan to Define and Approve Ten Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) Projects

Action Proposed:

Staff proposes that the Board of Education amend the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve ten Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects as listed in Attachment A. The total combined budget for these projects is \$197,000.

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 \$25,000 of infrastructure improvements. 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. 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 projects being recommended have all been reviewed and are 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 these ten projects. Approval of these greening projects 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 these projects that support educational programs related to nutrition, health, physical education, literacy, math and science. If these projects are not approved, the school sites will not benefit from the creation of nature-based outdoor learning spaces.

Policy Implications:

The proposed action is consistent with the District's long-term goal to address unmet school facilities needs and provide students with a safe and healthy learning environment. 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 combined project budget for the ten projects is \$197,000. The proposed projects will be funded by Bond Program funds associated with the School Upgrade Program, earmarked specifically to “Leverage Partnerships to Provide After School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities.”

Issues and Analysis:

In order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or their 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 October 30, 2014. 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:

Attachment A

Informatives:



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Attachment A

ESC	BD	School Name	Partner Organization	Project Description	Project Budget*	Est. Schedule	
						Start	Finish
West	1	54th Street ES	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 2,000 square feet and consists of asphalt removal, painting pavement areas, and the installation of concrete pavers, art poles, and a hose bib. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$13,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
South	7	Denker ES	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,300 square feet and consists of asphalt removal, painting pavement areas, and the installation of concrete pavers, art poles, and a hose bib. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$19,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
South	7	Graham ES	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,300 square feet and consists of asphalt removal, painting pavement areas, and the installation of concrete pavers, art poles, and a hose bib. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$25,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
North	3	Jack London CDS	TreePeople	Improve an existing outdoor learning environment through the installation of hose bibs, a power outlet, and an irrigation system. The school site (TreePeople) will supply planter boxes, planting materials, and outdoor seating.	\$25,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
East	2	Maple PC	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 500 square feet and consists of painting concrete surfaces, and the installation of a hose bib and art poles. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$13,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
North	3	Northridge MS	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,600 square feet and consists of the painting pavements areas, and the installation of a hose bib and art poles. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$15,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
North	6	Plummer ES	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,300 square feet and consists of painting pavement areas, relocating storage sheds, and installation of a hose bib and art poles. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders and signage poles.	\$17,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015



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ESC	BD	School Name	Partner Organization	Project Description	Project Budget*	Est. Schedule	
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East	2	Pueblo HS	Pueblo HS	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,000 square feet and consists of the installation of decomposed granite, concrete pavers, concrete perimeter header, hose bib, and art poles. It will be outfitted by the school site (Pueblo HS) with planting materials, outdoor seating and art poles.	\$25,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
South	5	Victoria ES	The Kitchen Community	Design and construct an outdoor learning space of approximately 1,300 square feet and consists of painting pavements areas, and installation of a hose bib and art poles. It will be outfitted by the partner organization (The Kitchen Community) with planter boxes, planting materials, benches, seating boulders, and signage poles.	\$20,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
East	2	Virgil MS	Virgil MS	Improve and expand an existing outdoor learning space from approximately 800 square feet to approximately 1600 square feet and consists of the removal of asphalt and fencing and the installation of decomposed granite, hose bibs, irrigation system, point of connection for irrigating raised beds, perimeter fencing and gate. It will be outfitted by the school site (Virgil MS) with planter boxes, planting materials and outdoor seating.	\$25,000	Q4-2014	Q3-2015
TOTAL					\$197,000		

*Project budget reflects on the improvements undertaken by the District. The outfitting of the outdoor learning spaces will be provided by the school site or partner organization.

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**AMENDMENT TO THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION
PLAN TO DEFINE AND APPROVE TEN SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENT
ENHANCEMENT DEVELOPMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (SEEDS) PROJECTS**

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the Facilities Services Division (FSD) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to define and approve ten Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects (the "Project") as listed in Attachment A to Board Report 171-14/15, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference, and which have a total combined budget of \$197,000; 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 projects being recommended have all been reviewed and are found to be in compliance with the program requirements; and

WHEREAS, District Staff represents that the proposed projects will be funded by Bond Program funds associated with the School Upgrade Program, earmarked specifically to "Leverage Partnerships to Provide After School Activities and Programming and Community Use of Facilities;" and

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WHEREAS, in order to ensure the long-term permanence of each SEEDS project, the school site and/or their 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 (SEP) to define and approve ten Sustainable Environment Enhancement Developments for Schools (SEEDS) projects as listed in Attachment A, to Board Report 171-14/15 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.

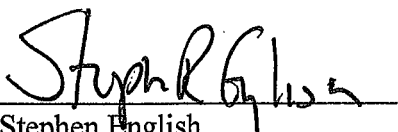
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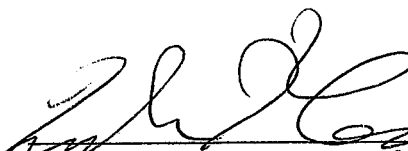
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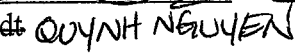
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ABSENCES: 5


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