



School Board Briefing/Proposed Action Report

Informational (no action required by Board) **Action Report** (Board will be required to take action)

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I. TITLE

BTA IV Resolution 2016/17-3: Racial Imbalance Analysis for E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation Project **For Introduction:** August 24, 2016
For Action: September 7, 2016

II. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

The D-5 form for the E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation project is ready for submittal to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) for state funding assistance. A Board Resolution is required by OSPI as a part of the state funding assistance process to certify under WAC 392-342-025 that the project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance.

III. FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE

The E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation project funding source is from the BTA IV Levy, Distressed School Grant from the State of Washington and OSPI School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP). The anticipated SCAP funding is an estimated \$2.3M. This Resolution does not represent a specific expenditure.

Expenditure: N/A One-time Annual Other Source

IV. POLICY IMPLICATION

School Board Policy No. 6100, Revenues from Local, State, and Federal Sources, states in part: “It is the policy of the Seattle School Board to pursue systematically those funding opportunities that are consistent with district priorities from federal, state, and other governmental units, as well as from private and foundation sources.” In addition, it states: “The Board agrees to comply with all federal and state requirements that may be a condition for the receipt of federal or state funds.”

V. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board approve Resolution 2016/17-3, certifying that the proposed E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation Project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance as defined by WAC 392-342-025, as attached to the Board action report.

VI. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion will be discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on August 16, 2016. The Committee moved this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval.

VII. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Office of Superintendent of Public Instructions (OSPI) is responsible for administering the School Construction Assistance Program (SCAP) which is OSPI's largest capital program and provides funding assistance for facility planning, new construction, and modernizations. Based on OSPI's work, the Legislature makes biennial appropriations to release state funds for school construction assistance through the D-Form approval process which includes the primary documents that form the basis of any agreements between OSPI and the school districts receiving state funding assistance.

The Office of the Superintendent of Public Instruction Form D-5 requires a School Board Resolution to certify under WAC 392-342-025 that a SCAP funded project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance. If this resolution is not approved in a timely manner, state funding assistance for this project will not be forthcoming. SCAP funding for E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation Project is estimated to be approximately \$2.3 million dollars.

The Enrollment Planning section of the Capital Projects and Planning department has identified a need for additional capacity in the West Seattle community. They have recommended that E.C. Hughes Elementary School be renovated and ~~the program currently occupying~~ Roxhill Elementary School be moved into this newly renovated facility beginning in the Fall of 2018-19 school year. The program will remain a neighborhood attendance area school.

Definition: Resolution 2016/17-3 certifies that the re-opening of the E.C. Hughes facility to house the current Roxhill Elementary School Program will not create or aggravate a racial imbalance within the district boundaries. Racial imbalance in a greater than fifty percent minority, non-multiracial school district such as Seattle Public Schools shall be defined (by current federal categories) as existing:

- (a) When the combined minority enrollment of a school varies from the district-wide combined minority percentage by more than plus or minus twenty-five percentage points; or
- (b) When a school's enrollment of a single minority group with a district-wide enrollment of less than thirty percent exceeds fifty percent; or
- (c) When a school's enrollment of a single minority group with a district-wide enrollment of thirty percent or more exceeds the minority group's district-wide percentage by twenty percentage points or more."

Analysis: Using the most current data from the 2015-16 school year, Roxhill Elementary School's enrollment consists of 88% minority ~~students~~ students' enrollment compared to the district-wide minority enrollment of 53%. Using the guideline outlined above (specifically section "a") ~~the~~ Roxhill Elementary School ~~Program~~ is currently categorized as racially imbalanced. The E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation Project will not create or is

~~unlikely to~~ aggravate the current racial imbalance as enrollment projections and boundaries for the Roxhill Elementary School Program operating at the newly renovated E.C. Hughes facility is anticipated to remain the same.

VIII. STATEMENT OF ISSUE

Whether to approve Resolution 2016/17-3 certifying that the proposed E.C. Hughes Elementary School Renovation Project will not create or aggravate racial imbalance.

IX. ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve Resolution 2016/17-3. This is not recommended. If the Resolution is not approved the E.C. Hughes Renovation project will not receive an estimated \$2.3 million dollars of state funding assistance.

X. RESEARCH AND DATA SOURCES / BENCHMARKS

- Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction, School Construction Assistance Program, D-Forms 101 on-line resources
- WAC 392-342-025 Racial imbalance prohibition – Definition and acceptance criteria.
- Enrollment Data specific to the evaluation of WAC 392-342-025 Racial imbalance prohibition

XI. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Upon the Board's approval of this motion the Capital Projects Project Manager will submit the signed Resolution to OSPI as required.

XII. ATTACHMENTS

- Resolution 2016/17-3 (for approval)
- WAC 392-342-025
- Program Enrollment Data