



SCHOOL BOARD ACTION REPORT

DATE: February 1, 2017
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1. TITLE

BEX IV: Approval of Budget for Decatur Elementary School Re-Opening Project

For Introduction: March 15, 2017
For Action: April 5, 2017

2. PURPOSE

This Board Action would transfer \$1,500,000 in funding from the Building Excellence (BEX) IV Levy Program Contingency to create a project budget to implement facilities repairs and provide new furnishings, technology and curriculum for the for the re-opening of Decatur Elementary School to serve the Highly Capable Cohort (HCC).

3. RECOMMENDED MOTION

I move that the School Board approve a one-time fund transfer from the Building Excellence IV (BEX IV) Levy Program Contingency to Decatur Elementary School Re-Opening project in the amount of \$1,500,000.

4. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

a. Background

In Fall 2016, the Thornton Creek Options School moved to their new home at Thornton Creek Elementary School, leaving the existing Decatur facility unoccupied.

On January 4, 2017, the School Board approved the, "Student Assignment Transition Plan for 2017-18" which included modifying the HCC pathways to provide predictable patterns of assignment for families, maximize efficient use of available space, and ease overcrowding. Elementary school HCC students living in the Eagle Staff, Hamilton and Whitman attendance areas would attend Cascadia Elementary School, while elementary school HCC students living in the Eckstein middle school attendance area would attend Decatur Elementary School.

This change to the HCC pathway to include a new school at the existing Decatur site requires the procurement of furnishings, fixtures and equipment (FF&E), technology and curriculum to support the new program. In addition, minor facilities improvements have been requested by Teaching and Learning and the Operations and Maintenance Staff to better support the incoming program.

This request to transfer funds from the BEX IV Program Contingency budget to create a budget for the Decatur Elementary School Re-opening project will not affect the funding budgeted to do the remaining work identified in the BEX IV Levy Program.

Exhibit A attached summarizes the costs that comprise the funding request.

b. **Alternatives**

If motion is denied, the HCC program would not open at the Decatur facility and the District's students will not benefit from levy-funded school capacity relief.

c. **Research**

Elementary School Educational Specifications, May 31, 2016
Technical Building Standards, December 2012
Curriculum verification from Teaching and Learning Central Staff
Input from Operations and Teaching and Learning Staff

5. **FISCAL IMPACT/REVENUE SOURCE**

Fiscal impact to this action will be \$1,500,000.

The revenue source for this motion is BEX IV Program Contingency.

Expenditure: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

Revenue: One-time Annual Multi-Year N/A

6. **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

With guidance from the District's Community Engagement tool, this action was determined to merit the following tier of community engagement:

Not applicable

Tier 1: Inform

Tier 2: Consult/Involve

Tier 3: Collaborate

Concerns have been raised about equitable access to HCC schools, given the current disproportionalities in the HCC population. As the District continues to explore solutions in this area, the current HCC students need access to equipment and curriculum.

7. **EQUITY ANALYSIS**

The list of projects created by the 2016-17 Student Assignment Transition Plan was developed with the goal of providing equitable access to school facilities across the District.

8. **STUDENT BENEFIT**

This action will benefit students by providing the necessary funding to procure and install educational based furniture, technology, security and address facility deficiencies to better meet the current district standards and operational goals and will provide school capacity relief to District's students.

9. WHY BOARD ACTION IS NECESSARY

- Amount of contract initial value or contract amendment exceeds \$250,000 (Policy No. 6220)
- Amount of grant exceeds \$250,000 in a single fiscal year (Policy No. 6114)
- Adopting, amending, or repealing a Board policy
- Formally accepting the completion of a public works project and closing out the contract
- Legal requirement for the School Board to take action on this matter
- Board Policy No. 6000, Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption and Implementation Policy, provides the Board shall approve this item
- Other: _____

10. POLICY IMPLICATION

This Board Action requests a funding transfer from the BEX IV Program Contingency to create a budget for the Decatur Elementary School Re-opening project. Per School Board Policy No. 6000 Program Planning, Budget Preparation, Adoption, and Implementation, item number D, “Funds may be transferred from one budget classification to another subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Board.”

11. BOARD COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

This motion was discussed at the Operations Committee meeting on February 16, 2017. The Committee moved this item forward to the full Board with a recommendation for approval as amended.

12. TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION

Upon approval of this motion, the District will be able to proceed with procurement and installation of furniture, equipment and curriculum and begin minor renovations within the Decatur facility in order to have the facility ready in the fall of 2017 for the new HCC school.

13. ATTACHMENTS

- Exhibit A – Detail of Additional Budget Requested for the Decatur Elementary School Re-opening project
- Exhibit B- Curriculum Dollars Breakdown