

ACTION

Office of the Superintendent of Schools  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Rockville, Maryland

February 27, 2017

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Jack R. Smith, Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Amendment to the Board of Education's Requested FY 2018 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program—Funding Expenditure Shift for Current Revitalization/Expansion Project

The Montgomery County Council Office of Legislative Oversight released a study in July 2015 regarding the Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) revitalization/expansion program and the Facilities Assessment and Criteria Testing (FACT) methodology used to rank the schools. Based on the study, MCPS reconvened the FACT Review Committee to update the FACT methodology and consider changes to parameters measured in FACT scoring.

The FACT Review Committee's report was released on May 11, 2016; this work was presented to the Board on June 14, 2016, and a follow-up facility assessment process was initiated. MCPS staff continues to disaggregate the collected data and develop a multivariable approach to establish the priority order of large-scale renovations of facilities, possibly to include programmatic and capacity considerations. A vital component of this process is to determine how best to collect, complete, and maintain updated facility condition information of our school facilities.

Currently, the revitalization/expansion project includes placeholder expenditures in the out-years of the approved Capital Improvements Program (CIP) to begin the next four elementary school projects. Of the funds programmed, Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 includes \$2.0 million—\$500,000 for each project—to begin the planning of the four elementary school revitalization/expansion projects. Given that the approach to assess and prioritize schools for this project will continue into the development of the FY 2019–2022 CIP, it is appropriate to defer this planning work and shift the expenditures from FY 2018 to FY 2019. This funding shift will not delay the anticipated completion dates of these projects due to the lengthened planning schedule approved in the adopted CIP.

WHEREAS, The Montgomery County Council Office of Legislative Oversight released a study in July 2015, regarding the revitalization/expansion program; and

WHEREAS, Based on the study, Montgomery County Public Schools reconvened the Facilities Assessment and Criteria Testing Review Committee to update the methodology and consider changes to the parameters that are measured; and

WHEREAS, The Facilities Assessment and Criteria Testing Review Committee's report was released on May 11, 2016, and this work was presented to the Board of Education on June 14, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County Public Schools staff continues to disaggregate the collected data and develop a multivariable approach to establish the priority order of large-scale renovations of facilities, possibly to include programmatic and capacity considerations; and

WHEREAS, The revitalization/expansion project includes placeholder expenditures in Fiscal Year 2018 of \$2.0 million—\$500,000 for each project—to begin the planning of the four elementary school revitalization/expansion projects; and

WHEREAS, Given that the approach to assess and prioritize schools will continue into the development of the Fiscal Year 2019–2022 Capital Improvements Program, it is appropriate to defer this planning work and shift the expenditures from Fiscal Year 2018 to Fiscal Year 2019; and

WHEREAS, This funding shift will not delay the anticipated completion dates of these projects due to the lengthened planning schedule approved in the adopted Capital Improvements Program; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Board of Education approve an amendment to the *Board of Education's Requested FY 2018 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program* to shift \$2.0 million in the Current Revitalization/Expansion project from Fiscal Year 2018 to Fiscal Year 2019; and be it further

Resolved, That this amendment to the *Board of Education's Requested FY 2018 Capital Budget and Amendments to the FY 2017–2022 Capital Improvements Program* be forwarded to the county executive and the County Council for consideration.

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