

Consideration of Funding Options for Additional Modular Classrooms

Policy Reference: OE-13: The superintendent shall assure that physical facilities support the accomplishment of the board's **Results** policies, are safe and properly maintained.

Background Information: Due to the continued student population growth in our District, overcrowding has reached a critical point for several schools. In the last few years, schools have done an exemplary job within the limitations of their facilities but have sacrificed much in order to absorb and accommodate this growth. When requests for classroom space were received, Facilities and Learning Services walked those schools, met with the principals, and reviewed their current use of rooms as well as the projected needs. In addition, it has been confirmed that all existing relocatable classrooms in the district are currently occupied. The request for additional modular classrooms is the result of this collaborative effort to verify and minimize the number of classrooms to be acquired.

Purpose: To provide additional temporary classroom space for Aynor Elementary (4), Carolina Forest Elementary (4), Midland Elementary (6), Ocean Drive Elementary (2), and River Oaks Elementary (8). A total of (24) classrooms are needed, however, (12) classrooms were purchased earlier this year for the Adult Education program which was temporarily relocated to the HGTC campus. These classrooms will now be utilized as part of the total classroom count. This request also provides for the rental of a modular unit configured with private offices for use at Midland Elementary School (MES). In order to construct the new addition at MES, the existing principal's office, guidance, bookkeeping, clinic, resource, and other spaces are being demolished. We believe it is in the best interest of the school to provide them with temporary offices for the duration of the construction due to the need for privacy and security. The total estimated cost for this request includes all associated components necessary to operate including engineering, foundations, delivery, set up, utilities, fire alarm, security, site work, ramps, steps, canopies, walkways, etc. HCS will be able to reuse these classrooms at other locations for years to come.

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Recommended Action: Approval of the purchase of additional modular classrooms and associated components.

Estimated Cost: \$1,717,310.00

Recurring ___ Non-recurring X

Funding Sources: Residual funds from completed Capital Improvement Projects in the amount of \$1,230,000 and unassigned General Fund Balance in the amount of \$500,000