

Consideration of Additional Funding for Facilities Equipment Budget

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: In September 2013, the Board established an Equipment Fund for the purchase of various equipment for Facilities. This Fund contains six areas: Furniture, Building Services, Fleet Vehicles, Maintenance, Playgrounds, and Food Service. The original Fund was \$5.6M over 7 years (or \$800,000 annually allocated over the six areas). Two significant revisions were made. The first in May 2014 spread the total funds over 10 years and reduced the total Fund by \$600,000. A second revision in November 2014 further spread the reduced Fund over 11 years. These revisions retroactively reduced the total annual funding for the six areas from \$800,000 to \$454,545.00. Overspending occurred due to: 1) Changes to the budget occurring late in the first fiscal year after spending had begun under the larger budget, and again mid-way through the second fiscal year, 2) The reduced budget for Furniture, Fleet Vehicles, and Maintenance areas are insufficient to support the actual needs, and 3) Building Services had to purchase equipment and machines for 7 schools that were formerly cleaned under a contracted service. The additional funding requests below are in addition to the current funding allocations of these specific areas of the Fund:

Building Services:	\$200,075.00
Fleet Vehicles:	\$ 86,275.00
Maintenance Equipment:	<u>\$294,650.00</u>
Total Request:	\$581,000.00

In December 2015, \$208,423 of additional funding was approved for the Furniture area of the Fund. Areas of this Fund (excluding Playgrounds and Food Service which are adequate) are being evaluated to request increases in annual funding for the Board's consideration.

Purpose: To provide additional funding for the above-designated areas of the Equipment Fund through the fiscal year end.

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Recommended Action:

Provide additional funding for the Building Services, Fleet Vehicles, and Maintenance Equipment portions of the Equipment Fund in the total amount of \$581,000.00.

Estimated Cost: \$581,000.00

Recurring ___ Non-recurring X

Funding Sources: Residual fund from the Phase III / IV Building Program