

AGENDA ITEM #2K
June 23, 2009
Introduction

MEMORANDUM

June 22, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Essie McGuire, Legislative Analyst 

SUBJECT: **Introduction – Resolution to Recommend Scope of Project for Northwood High School Wellness Center**

A resolution to indicate the County Council's recommendation for the project scope of the Northwood High School Wellness Center is before the Council for introduction today (circles 1-2). Action is tentatively scheduled for June 30.

The Health and Human Services and Education Committees met on June 22 to review the project scope. The Committees recommend that the project proceed with the originally planned scope of a renovation and addition for the wellness center.

This resolution is needed to indicate the Council's recommendation to the Board of Education, which will then issue a change order to the construction contract. No new dollars are required for the project, which has full appropriation.

Resolution No.: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

**COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND**

By: County Council

SUBJECT: Recommended Scope of Project for Northwood High School Wellness Center

Background

1. The County Council has approved in the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) a capital project to construct Wellness Centers at High Schools, and for FY10 appropriated construction funds for a wellness center at Northwood High School.
2. When the Council's Health and Human Services and Education Committees reviewed the project and the FY10 appropriation request, the Committees expressed interest in reviewing options for a smaller scope of project work. The Committees requested that the Montgomery County Public Schools request bid proposals on two project scopes, one with a renovation and addition to the wellness center space at Northwood High School, and one with a renovation only. The Committees also requested that MCPS report back the results of the bid process.
3. The Board of Education on June 9 approved the contract for the Northwood High School music academy and wellness center project. In its resolution, the Board approved the smaller scope of work (renovation only) and also authorized a change order to be issued contingent on the County Council's approval of the scope of work for the Northwood High School Wellness Center.
4. The Health and Human Services and Education Committees reconvened on June 22 to review the bid results. Given the low cost estimates that were returned, the relatively small margin between the two options, and the specific site constraints of Northwood High School, the Committees recommended the originally planned scope of work for the wellness center (renovation and addition). This option was known in the MCPS bid documents as Alternate 2.
5. This recommendation meets the Board of Education's requirement to issue a change order for the Northwood High School contract in the amount of \$230,000.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following resolution:

The County Council recommends to the Board of Education that the scope of work for the Northwood High School Wellness Center include renovation and addition, and that a change order be issued in the amount of \$230,000 for the enlargement of the center.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council