

MEMORANDUM

May 6, 2010

TO: County Council

FROM: Essie McGuire, Legislative Analyst *EMcGuire*

SUBJECT: **FY11-16 CIP, Montgomery County Public Schools, Building Modifications and Improvements Project**

Today the County Council will consider the Board of Education’s recommendation for the Building Modifications and Improvements Project in the MCPS FY11-16 Capital Improvements Program (CIP).

The Education Committee first reviewed this project on March 11, and requested additional information on the projects identified for completion in FY11-12. This information is attached at circle 2. **Council staff recommends funding the project as requested by the Board of Education in FY11-12, but does not recommend the ongoing level of effort requested in FY13-16.**

Building Mod & Program Impr.	6 Years	FY09	FY10	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16
- FY11-16 Board Request	15,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
- FY09-14 Approved	13,000	4,000	4,000	5,000	-	-	-	-	-
change from approved	2,000	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	2,000	-	-
percent change from approved	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The Education Committee did not have an opportunity to discuss the project again in Committee worksession. **Following receipt of the requested information, Council staff polled Committee members individually, and separately each member concurred with the Council staff recommendation to fund the Board’s request for FY11-12.** The source of funds is GO Bonds, totaling \$5 million in FY11 and \$2 million in FY12.

Background

This project was first added to the CIP in FY07, and provides for improvements to schools that are not scheduled for capital improvements in the six-year period. The limited modifications are related to instructional and support spaces for new or expanded programs or administrative space.

For the two previous CIP cycles in which this project has been active, the Board of Education has requested funds only for the imminent fiscal years and identified schools to receive projects. The Board’s FY11-16 request would shift this project to a level of effort project with funding across the six years. The PDF states that “facility modifications in FY2012 and beyond will be determined based on the need for space modifications/ upgrades to support

new or modified program offerings”. MCPS reports that this change was made to reflect the backlog of potential projects that could be addressed.

Council staff does not support the request for this project to become a systemic level of effort project. In Council staff’s view, the work in this project is more discretionary than in other systemic projects that affect health, safety, and infrastructure. While there are no doubt many program improvements that would be desirable, they are more suited to yearly consideration within fiscal constraints than an expectation of continued funding.

In the FY09-14 CIP, the Board requested and the Council approved funds for three years, through FY11. The PDF (circle 1) lists the 15 schools included in the approved amount for these three years. **At the Education Committee’s request, MCPS forwarded on May 3 the list of projects identified for FY11 and FY12. Since projects are identified for these two years of the CIP, Council staff supports the Board’s request for \$5 million in FY11 and \$2 million in FY12.**

Building Modifications and Program Improvements -- No. 076506

Category
Subcategory
Administering Agency
Planning Area

Montgomery County Public Schools
Countywide
MCPS
Countywide

Date Last Modified
Required Adequate Public Facility
Relocation Impact
Status

November 19, 2009
No
None
On-going

EXPENDITURE SCHEDULE (\$000)

Cost Element	Total	Thru FY09	Est FY10	Total 6 Years	FY11	FY12	FY13	FY14	FY15	FY16	Beyond 6 Years
Planning, Design, and Supervision	2,552	752	500	1,300	300	200	200	200	200	200	0
Land	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Site Improvements and Utilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Construction	20,682	3,482	3,500	13,700	4,700	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800	0
Other	150	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	23,384	4,384	4,000	15,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0

FUNDING SCHEDULE (\$000)

G.O. Bonds	23,384	4,384	4,000	15,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0
Total	23,384	4,384	4,000	15,000	5,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0

DESCRIPTION

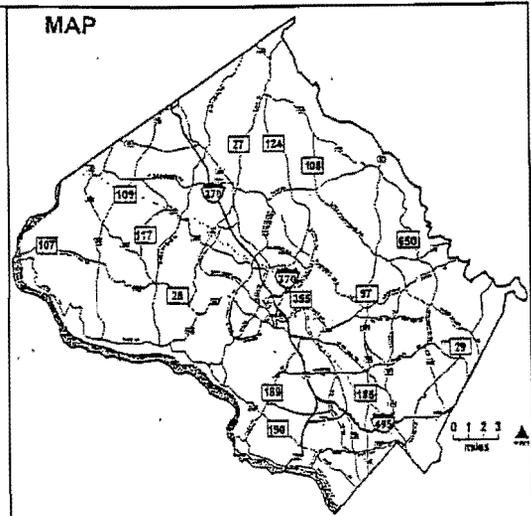
This project will provide facility modifications to support program offerings at schools that are not scheduled for capital improvements in the six-year CIP. These limited modifications to instruction and support spaces are needed to provide adequate space for new or expanded programs and administrative support space for schools that are not included in the modernization program. The approved FY 2007 appropriation will be used to provide modifications to support the middle school magnet programs at A. Mario Loiederman and Argyle middle schools, administrative and guidance suite modifications at Poolesville High School, and various high school laboratory modifications throughout the county. Also, the FY 2007 appropriation will be used at Potomac Elementary School to provide minor modifications to the facility. An amendment to the FY 2007-2012 CIP in the amount of \$558,000 was approved to provide funding for modifications at Thomas S. Wootton High School to accommodate two new computer laboratories for the Academy of Information Technology.

An FY 2009 appropriation was approved to provide facility modifications for the following high schools to accommodate signature or academy programs: Northwest HS for a CISCO Academy Laboratory; Northwood HS for the Musical Dance Academy; Quince Orchard HS for a Digital Art/Music Laboratory; and Wheaton HS for the Project Lead the Way Biomedical Laboratory. The FY 2009 appropriation also will fund science laboratory improvements at Thomas Wootton, Bethesda-Chevy Chase, and Winston Churchill high schools. Also, the FY 2009 appropriation will fund building modifications for Bradley Hills ES, Roberto Clemente and A. Mario Loiederman middle schools, and Damascus, Thomas Edison, Quince Orchard, Wheaton and Thomas Wootton high schools.

An FY 2012 appropriation will be requested to continue to provide facility modifications at various schools throughout the system. Facility modifications in FY 2012 and beyond will be determined based on the need for space modifications/upgrades to support new or modified program offerings.

APPROPRIATION AND EXPENDITURE DATA		
Date First Appropriation	FY07	(\$000)
First Cost Estimate		
Current Scope	FY07	0
Last FY's Cost Estimate		15,858
Appropriation Request	FY11	0
Appropriation Request Est.	FY12	2,000
Supplemental Appropriation Request		0
Transfer		0
Cumulative Appropriation		13,384
Expenditures / Encumbrances		5,227
Unencumbered Balance		8,157
Partial Closeout Thru	FY08	0
New Partial Closeout	FY09	2,474
Total Partial Closeout		2,474

COORDINATION
Mandatory Referral - M-NCPPC
Department of Environmental Protection
Building Permits:
Code Review
Fire Marshal
Department of Transportation
Inspections
Sediment Control
Stormwater Management
WSSC Permits



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Description:

This program provides facility modifications to support program offerings at schools and offices that are not scheduled for capital improvements in the six-year CIP. These limited modifications to instruction and support spaces are needed to provide adequate space for newly expanded programs and administrative support spaces for school that are not included in the modernization program. The following are projects under consideration for FY 2011–2012 (in no specific order):

1. Banneker MS – Modify locker banks
2. Edison Career Center – Project Lead the Way laboratory
3. Seneca Valley HS – CISCO Laboratory – Since Seneca Valley HS is on the modernization schedule, the modification will be minimal and major equipments and furnishings will salvage for re-use during the modernization.
4. Gaithersburg MS – Classroom conversion
5. Brown Station ES – PEP Classroom conversion (3)
6. Churchill HS – Autism Classroom conversion
7. Damascus HS – Special Education School Community Based (SCB) Program Classroom conversion
8. Germantown ES – Special Education School SCB Program Classroom conversion
9. Glen Haven ES – PEP & SCB Program Classroom conversion
10. Luxmanor ES – PEP & SCB Program Classroom conversion
11. Magruder HS – Autism Classroom conversion
12. Wayside ES – PEP & SCB Program Classroom conversion
13. Damascus HS – Digital Arts laboratory upgrade
14. White Oak MS – SCB Program Classroom conversion
15. Whitman HS – Reconfiguration of Tech Ed Suite
16. Whitman HS – FACS laboratory upgrades
17. Wootton HS – FACS laboratory upgrades
18. Watkins Mill HS – FACS laboratory upgrades
19. Wheaton HS – FACS laboratory upgrades
20. Montgomery Blair HS – TV Studio Modification
21. Highland View ES – Classroom Conversions
22. Mario Loiederman MS – Acoustical Treatments for Performing Arts
23. Springbrook HS – Digital Art laboratory upgrades
24. Rock Terrace Center – Greenhouse
25. Infants and Toddlers 6th site
26. Sligo MS – Classroom modifications for Oakland Terrace ES Kindergarten program
27. Rachel Carson ES – Special education modifications
28. Belmont ES – Instructional Media Center modifications
29. Rosemary Hills ES – Music Room into Pre-Kindergarten Classroom
30. Jones Lane ES – Learning Center modifications
31. Green Castle ES – PEP Classroom modifications
32. Rockwell ES – TV Studio conversion to classroom