
Agenda Item #8



LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Report

Report Number:	169-08/09
Date:	December 9, 2008
Subject:	Approval of the Cancellation of Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 and Amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan
Responsible Staff:	
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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Action Proposed: Cancellation of Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 project and amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to reflect the cancellation.

Staff Recommendation and Rationale: Staff proposes that the Board of Education approve the cancellation of Valley Region Elementary School No. 14. Staff further proposes that the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan be amended to reflect the cancellation of this project.

Background: On December 12, 2006, the Board of Education approved the project definition for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14.

This New Construction project was planned to relieve Bassett, Columbus, Sylvan Park, and Van Nuys Elementary Schools, as well as Kindergarten Learning Academy. Although several community site selection meetings were held for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14, a preferred site has not been designated for this project.

In November 2007 updated enrollment projections were reviewed and based on shifts in enrollment, it was determined that this project was no longer needed to meet two semester operation at the relief schools. A letter was sent in December 2007, to all potential impactees and community representatives to inform them that the site selection process was being terminated due to changes in enrollment projections.

This project is located in Local District 2 and Board District 6 (Julie Korenstein).

Policy Implications: There are no policy implications.



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- Budget Impact:** The total project budget for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 is \$66,152,402. The projected amount expended to date on this project totals approximately \$157,909, which will be funded from local bonds. The funds remaining from this project budget are required to fund the New Construction Neighborhood School Program Definition List adopted by the Board of Education on October 23, 2007.
- Issues/Considerations:** Approval of the cancellation of this project will allocate local funds to be used for other projects within the New Construction program.
- Effect of “yes” vote:** Approval of the cancellation of this project authorizes staff to amend the Strategic Execution Plan to reflect the cancellation of this project.
- Effect of “no” vote:** Should the Board of Education not cancel Valley Region Elementary School No. 14, the local funds currently allocated to the project will be unavailable for other projects within the New Construction program. Moreover, if this project is not cancelled at this time, it will remain in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan as an active project.



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B. BOARD REPORT

Action Proposed: Cancellation of Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 project and the amendment of the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to reflect the cancellation.

Expected Outcomes: Amendment of the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan to reflect the cancellation of this project.

Board Options and Consequences: Approval of the cancellation of this project authorizes the staff to amend the Strategic Execution Plan to reflect the cancellation.

Should the Board of Education decide not to cancel Valley Region Elementary School No. 14, the local funds currently allocated to this project will be unavailable for other projects within the New Construction program. Moreover, if this project is not cancelled at this time, it will remain in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan as active project.

Policy Implications: There are no policy implications.

Budget Impact: The total project budget for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 is \$66,152,402. The projected amount expended to date on this project totals approximately \$157,909, which will be funded from local bonds. The funds remaining from this project budget are required to fund the New Construction Neighborhood School Program Definition List adopted by the Board of Education on October 23, 2007.

Issues and Analysis: On December 12, 2006, the Board of Education approved the project definition for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14.

Although community site selection meetings were held for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14, a preferred site has not been designated for this project.

Based on shifts in enrollment, it was determined that this project is no longer needed to allow two semester operation at the relief schools. A letter was sent in December, 2007, to all potential impactees and community representatives to inform them that the site selection process was being terminated, due to changes in enrollment projections.



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Demographic Data:

RELIEVED SCHOOLS	SITE ACREAGE	2007-08 CALENDAR	2007-08 2- SEMESTER CAPACITY	2007-08 OPERATING CAPACITY	2007-08 ACTUAL ENROLLMENT	2007-08 RESIDENT ENROLLMENT	PLANNING 2-SEMESTER CAPACITY	PORTABLE CLASSROOMS (EXCLUDES CLASSROOMS TO BE REMOVED)
BASSETT	5.8	4 TRK	968	1,260	924	1,089	965	35
COLUMBUS	4.0	1 TRK	656	656	639	677	567	0
K L A	0.8	3 TRK	120	180	157	161	120	1
SYLVAN PK	5.7	4 TRK	916	1,163	906	939	885	29
VAN NUYS	4.1	3 TRK	634	905	769	813	535	10

Committee Information:

This item was on the agenda of the December 4, 2008 Facilities Committee.

Bond Oversight Committee Recommendation:

The School Construction Bond Citizen’s Oversight Committee took action at its November 19, 2008 meeting on this item and adopted a resolution in support of the item by a vote of seven ayes zero noes and two abstentions.

Reporting Requirements and Benchmarks:

Progress is reported monthly in the New Construction Monthly Status Report and updated annually, in the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan. Facilities Services Division status reports are posted on www.laschools.org

Accountable Staff:

Tom Calhoun, Real Estate Department Regional Development Manager.

Applicable Board Delegations:

Superintendent’s Comments:

The Superintendent recommends approval of this action.

Miscellaneous Issues and Matters:

Desegregation Impact Statement attached

This action does not require a Desegregation Impact Report.

Division of Accountability and Systemwide Performance

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Respectfully submitted,

DAVID L. BREWER III
Superintendent of School

APPROVED &
PRESENTED BY:

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JOSEPH A. MEHULA
Chief Facilities Executive
Facilities Services Division

DR. JAMES MORRIS
Chief of Staff

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RESOLUTION 2008-58

BOARD REPORT NO. xx-08/09

**NEW CONSTRUCTION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN AMENDMENT –
CANCELLATION OF VALLEY REGION ES NO. 14**

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2006, the Board of Education approved the project definition for Valley Region Elementary School No. 14, enabling the Facilities Services Division to proceed with the site selection process; and

WHEREAS, although several community site selection meetings were held, a preferred site has not been designated for this project; and

WHEREAS, November 2007 updated enrollment projections determined based on demographic shifts that this project was no longer needed to meet two semester operation at the relief schools; and

WHEREAS, Valley Region Elementary School No. 14 is no longer needed to meet the Williams Settlement Implementation Agreement, the District's goal of implementing full day kindergarten at the relief schools, or the District's goal of operating all elementary schools on a two-semester traditional calendar; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Services Division has concluded (1) that amending the Facilities Strategic Execution Plan to cancel the Valley Region ES No. 14 project will facilitate implementation of the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan, and (2) that the proposed amendment will not adversely affect the District's ability to successfully complete the New Construction Strategic Execution Plan;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education adopt an amendment to the New Construction Strategic Execution

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New Construction Strategic Execution Plan Amendment – Cancellation of Valley Region ES No. 14

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Plan, to cancel the Valley Region ES No. 14 project, as described in the attached Board Report.

2. That with the cancellation of Valley Region ES No. 14 the planning process immediately begin to improve the existing campuses listed in the attached Board Report that are to be relieved by Valley Region ES No. 9; planning should include building multi-story buildings, freeing up space, and removing portable classrooms.
3. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the Bond Oversight Committee's website.
3. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection or pending status of the recommendation as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the Oversight Committee and the District.

ADOPTED on November 19, 2008 by the following vote:

A YES:

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ABSTAIN:

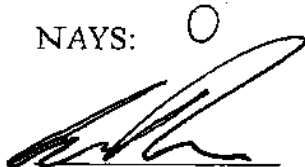
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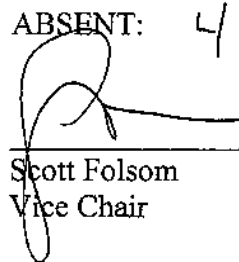
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ABSENT:

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Constance Rice
Chair



Scott Folsom
Vice Chair