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RESOLUTION 2025-32

BOARD REPORT NO. 019-25/26

**RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL FOR AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO A
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
WATER AND POWER AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC
EXECUTION PLAN TO APPROVE \$20 MILLION FOR AN ENERGY EFFICIENT
LIGHTING UPGRADE PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, District staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) approve a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Los Angeles Unified School District (Los Angeles Unified or the District) and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to approve \$20 million in Bond Program funds for energy efficient lighting upgrades as part of Los Angeles Unified's in-kind contribution under the terms of the proposed MOU; and

WHEREAS, District Staff also requests that the Board authorize the Senior Advisor to the Superintendent and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the MOU; and

WHEREAS, In 2012, the District entered into an MOU with the LADWP under which the LADWP reimbursed the District for up to \$8 million in energy efficiency projects over a two-year term and six-month extension. In 2015, the Board approved an MOU with LADWP valued at approximately \$45.3 million for energy efficient lighting installation, plumbing fixture upgrades, new technology pilots, and conservation awareness programs. The MOU was extended by two years, for a total term of five years through October 2020. Another MOU valued at approximately \$87.5 million, where LADWP contributed up to \$72.5 million and the District contributed up to \$15 million, was executed to continue the successes of this program from October 2020 until October 2025; and

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WHEREAS, A new MOU is now needed to continue these energy and water efficiency efforts. Under the terms of the proposed 2025 MOU, LADWP will continue to invest in energy and water efficiency projects as well as new greening and climate resiliency projects that will help reduce rising utility costs that impact the General Fund and improve Green House Gas reductions. The MOU was presented to and approved by the LADWP Board of Supervisors on July 8, 2025; and

WHEREAS, The term of the proposed 2025 MOU is 4.5 years; each calendar year within the term is a “term year.” The total value of the MOU is \$120 million between both agencies of which LADWP will contribute approximately \$100 million towards District upgrades and programs (up to \$22.5 million per year for term years 1-4 and up to \$10 million in term year 5) and Los Angeles Unified will contribute approximately \$20 million (up to \$4.5 million per year for term years 1-4 and up to \$2 million in term year 5) in in-kind services and matching funds in support of the energy efficiency lighting upgrade program including costs related to administration, management, Office of Environmental Health and Safety, inspections, and staff responsible for coordinating the work on site between the school staff and LADWP’s contractor; and

WHEREAS, The District’s contribution of \$20 million for energy efficient lighting upgrades will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked specifically for critical replacements and upgrades of school building/site systems and components; and

WHEREAS, On an annual basis, the Eco-Sustainability Office and Facilities will report on the progress of the energy efficient lighting upgrade program related to this 2025 MOU; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Office of the General Counsel has reviewed the proposed MOU and determined that it may proceed to the School Construction Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) for its consideration for recommendation to the Board of Education; and

WHEREAS, District Staff has concluded that this proposed Facilities SEP Amendment will facilitate Los Angeles Unified's ability to successfully complete the Facilities SEP.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Bond Citizens' Oversight Committee recommends that the Board approve a new MOU between the District and the LADWP and amend the Facilities SEP to approve \$20 million for energy efficient lighting upgrades, as described in Board Report No. 019-25/26, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference.
2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified School District Board of Education and posted on the BOC’s website.
3. The District is directed to track the above recommendation and to report on the adoption, rejection, or pending status of the recommendations as provided in section 6.2 of the Charter and Memorandum of Understanding between the BOC and the District.

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ADOPTED on September 4, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES: 11

ABSTENTIONS: 0

NAYS: 0

ABSENCES: 3

/Michael Hamner/

D. Michael Hamner
Chair

/Robert Campbell/

Robert Campbell
Vice-Chair