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RESOLUTION 2025-36**BOARD REPORT 030-25/26**

RECOMMENDING BOARD APPROVAL TO DEFINE AND APPROVE THE DORSEY HIGH SCHOOL BAKERY CLASSROOM & KITCHEN PROJECT WITH DONATIONS FROM PURATOS BAKERY AND AMEND THE FACILITIES SERVICES DIVISION STRATEGIC EXECUTION PLAN TO INCORPORATE THEREIN

WHEREAS, District Staff proposes that the Board of Education (Board) define and approve the Dorsey High School Bakery Classroom & Kitchen Project (Project), as described in Board Report No. 030-25/26 attached hereto, with a budget of \$3,645,789 and amend the Facilities Services Division (Facilities) Strategic Execution Plan (SEP) to incorporate therein; and

WHEREAS, District Staff also proposes that the Board authorize the acceptance of donations from Puratos Bakery via the Puratos US Charitable Foundation to be used exclusively for the Bakery Classroom & Kitchen Project at Dorsey High School. These include an initial donation worth \$400,000, which will be comprised of a combination of new bakery equipment and/or monetary support, as well as ongoing funding through an annual donation of \$30,000 to support operating costs for the bakery program such as training, certifications, ingredients, etc. The annual donation will commence with the opening of the bakery program at Dorsey High School and continue for 10 years; and

WHEREAS, District Staff also requests that the Board authorize the Chief Procurement Officer and/or the Chief Facilities Executive and/or their designee(s) to execute all instruments necessary, as legally permissible, to implement the proposed Project including budget modifications and the purchase of equipment and materials and to execute reasonable instruments for the donations including, but not limited to, a donation agreement; and

WHEREAS, The School Upgrade Program (SUP), the current phase of the bond program, develops projects that modernize, build, and upgrade school facilities to improve student health, safety and educational quality. SUP guides the identification of sites and development of project proposals under categories of need with associated spending targets. Among the SUP categories of need are School

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Upgrades and Reconfigurations to Support Wellness, Health, Athletics, Learning, and Efficiency – which includes an allocation to support the implementation of projects with partner funding – as well as Region Priority Projects and Board District Priority Projects. The Dorsey High School Bakery Classroom & Kitchen Project includes funding from each of these SUP categories of need. The budget for this proposed Project is \$3,645,789 and will be funded with Bond Program funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency, and more specifically from the amount allocated for projects that support partnerships. The Project budget includes contributions of \$1,500,000 earmarked for Region Priority Projects in Region South and \$200,000 earmarked for Board District Priority Projects in Board District 1 which will be transferred to funds earmarked for school upgrades and reconfigurations to support wellness, health, athletics, learning, and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, Puratos Bakery – an international company providing products and services to the bakery, patisserie, and chocolate industries – wishes to support a new bakery program at Dorsey High School to prepare students for careers in these baking sectors. The Puratos Bakery School Foundation has opened 13 bakery schools throughout the world including their first U.S. bakery school at Pennsauken High School in Pennsauken, New Jersey in September 2022. Through the Puratos US Charitable Foundation, an initial donation worth \$400,000 will provide new bakery equipment and/or monetary support for the Project, however this donation is not included in the Project budget. Once the Project is completed and the bakery program commences, Puratos Bakery will also provide ongoing funding with an annual donation of \$30,000 to support operating costs such as training, certifications, ingredients, etc. for 10 years. Finally, Puratos Bakery intends to share curriculum developed at their bakery schools and collaborate with the District on the implementation of the Dorsey High School bakery program including possible guest instructors. Upon Board approval, District staff will engage the Puratos US Charitable Foundation to secure the donations; and

WHEREAS, Dorsey High School collaborated with the partner Puratos Bakery to develop the new baking program with a focus on bread, patisserie, and chocolate for students that may not otherwise have an opportunity to train in these specialized areas of the baking industry. This Project will enable the specialty baking program to provide students with skills for career pathways such as bakers, pastry chefs, and chocolatiers, including training, certification, and internships to prepare for job opportunities upon graduation; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education’s approval will authorize District Staff to proceed with the expenditure of Bond Program funds to undertake the proposed Project in accordance with the provisions set forth in Los Angeles Unified local bond measures K, R, Y, Q, RR, and US as well as accept donations in support of the Project, and execute reasonable instruments for the donations including, but not limited to, a donation agreement; and

WHEREAS, the District’s Office of the General Counsel has reviewed the proposed Projects and determined that they may proceed to the School Construction Bond Citizens’ Oversight Committee (BOC) for consideration and 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.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The School Construction Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee recommends that the Board of Education define and approve the Dorsey High School Bakery Classroom & Kitchen Project, as described in Board Report No. 030-25/26, a copy of which is attached hereto in the form it was presented to the BOC and is incorporated herein by reference, with a budget of \$3,645,789; authorize the acceptance of donations from Puratos Bakery; and amend the Facilities SEP to incorporate therein.
2. This resolution shall be transmitted to the Los Angeles Unified Board and posted on the BOC's website.
3. Los Angeles Unified 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 Los Angeles Unified.

ADOPTED on September 04, 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