

Office of the Superintendent of Schools
MONTGOMERY COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Rockville, Maryland

April 14, 2015

MEMORANDUM

To: Members of the Board of Education

From: Larry A. Bowers, Interim Superintendent of Schools

Subject: Architectural Appointment—Blair G. Ewing Center Facility Improvements and Alternative Education Programs Relocation Feasibility Study

WHEREAS, The superintendent of schools, as part of the Recommended Fiscal Years 2015–2020 Amended Capital Improvements Program, included a scope change for the Blair G. Ewing Center Improvements project to relocate the Alternative Education Programs at the Blair G. Ewing Center from its current location to the former English Manor Elementary School site; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Education supported the superintendent of schools' recommendation and, as a result, requested a Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Appropriation to change the scope for the current Blair G. Ewing Center Improvements project and to use the approved planning funds for the English Manor facility; and

WHEREAS, In December 2014, the County Council introduced the Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Appropriation to reallocate the approved funds in the Blair G. Ewing Center Improvements project for the English Manor facility; and

WHEREAS, The County Council's Education Committee held a work session to review the Fiscal Year 2015 Supplemental Appropriation and recommended that Montgomery County Public Schools update the feasibility study that was conducted for the current Blair G. Ewing Center site and also conduct a feasibility study for another site that the Board of Education deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, The County Council supported the Education Committee's recommendation and approved the update to the feasibility study for the current Blair G. Ewing Center site as well as another site that the Board of Education deemed appropriate; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to appoint an architectural firm to provide professional and technical services to perform a feasibility study for the Blair G. Ewing Center facility improvements and Alternative Education Programs relocation; and

WHEREAS, The funds to conduct the feasibility studies were appropriated as part of the approved Fiscal Years 2015–2020 Capital Improvements Program; and

WHEREAS, An Architect Selection Committee, in accordance with procedures adopted by the Board of Education on April 20, 2006, identified Hord Coplan Macht, Inc. as the most qualified firm to provide the necessary professional architectural and engineering services; and

WHEREAS, Staff in the Department of Facilities Management has negotiated a fee for the necessary architectural services; now therefore be it

Resolved, That the Montgomery County Board of Education enters into a contractual agreement with the architectural firm of Hord Coplan Macht, Inc. to provide professional services for updating the feasibility study for the Blair G. Ewing Center facility improvements and the feasibility study for the relocation of Alternative Education Programs to the English Manor site for a fee of \$56,000; and be it further

Resolved, That the feasibility study for the relocation of Alternative Education Programs to the English Manor site is contingent upon approval by the Board of Education.

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