



Agenda Action Form Overview

Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000018 – Appropriating \$1,200,000.00 for a New Durham Public School (DPS) Elementary School C Project with a Funding Source of a Future Financing to be determined.

Background/Justification

The Board is requested to approve Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000018 appropriating \$1,200,000.00 to the New Elementary School C Project with a funding source of a future financing to be determined.

During the Joint Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) and Board of Education (BOE) meeting held on November 12, 2019, agreement occurred to move forward with the construction of Elementary School C. The DPS Board of Education approved the creation of a new Elementary School C project ordinance at its committee work session meeting on November 21, 2019. Elementary School C will be located at 906 Scott King Road in Southern Durham and is projected to open for its first school year in the Fall of 2022. The total project cost is estimated at \$39,611,923. The action to appropriate the total Elementary C budget will occur during a subsequent BOCC meeting.

This \$1.2 million appropriation allows Durham Public Schools to get started immediately to secure contracts for design (permitting through close-out phases), construction materials testing, commissioning, bid advertisements, reproduction of bid documents, and other construction start-up costs.

Several intersecting factors necessitate the development of the new school including the reduction in classroom sizes resultant from HB 90. House Bill 90 also known as the "Class-size Bill", requires all NC schools to reduce K-3 class sizes. Durham Public Schools existing class sizes are above the new recommended levels. The State requirement to reduce class size comes at a time in which enrollment in Southern Durham continues to grow each year. At present, Creekside, Hope Valley, Forest View, and Southwest Elementary schools are all significantly beyond their build capacities, with mobile classrooms being used to address current space shortfalls. The construction of Elementary C will help address current space challenges. Further, it will give the district additional class spaces needed to address HB90 class size ratio requirements.

Project	Current Budget	Increase/ Decrease	Revised Budget
Elementary School C (SH282)	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00
Totals	\$0.00	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,200,000.00

Policy Impact

There is no policy impact. Please note that this \$1.2M appropriation allows Durham Public Schools to get started immediately on the Elementary School Project and the action to appropriate the total Elementary C budget will occur during a subsequent BOCC meeting. The Pay-As-You -Go (PAYGO) Fund will provide the funding through an intrafund loan not to



exceed \$1,200,000 until the issuance of the future financing is available and will be reimbursed/repaid as the financing funds become available.

Procurement Background

N/A

Fiscal Impact

Funding for the \$1.2M will occur through an intrafund loan from the PAYGO Capital Project Fund not to exceed \$1.2M and will be reimbursed as the financing funds become available. The funding for the total project cost of \$39,611,923 will occur through a future financing to be determined.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve Capital Project Amendment No. 20CPA000018 appropriating \$1,200,000.00 to a new Durham Public School (DPS) Elementary School C with a funding source of a future financing to be determined.