

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Agenda Item	BCPS Digital Classroom Plan – 2014-2015
Requested Action	Approve the Broward County Public Schools Digital Classroom Plan for submission to the Florida Department of Education.
Funding Source	Florida Department of Education
Service Locations	All schools
Managing Department/School	Office of Academics Information and Technology
Source of Additional Information	Brian Kingsley, Acting Chief Academics Officer, 754-321-2618 Ed Hinline, Director, Business Applications, 754-321-0400
Project Description	<p>To access the State FEFP Digital Classroom Plan Allocation, school districts are required to submit to the FLDOE a board approved Digital Classrooms Plan (DCP) as per s.1011.62(12), F.S. The funds are included in the 2015 Adopted Budget and are allocated in the Information and Technology Department budget. The DCP is a means to support school districts efforts and strategies to improve outcomes related to student performance by integrating technology in classroom teaching and learning. Districts are required by s.1011.62(12), F.S. to develop a plan with input from, at a minimum, the district’s academic and information technology staff. The DCP is intended to be an actionable document that drives improvement in the district and schools. The Broward DCP is aligned to currently approved goals and plans including the technology component of the General Obligation Bond, the District Strategic Plan and the District Technology Strategic Plan. Therefore, it supports efforts currently underway in Broward.</p> <p>Under s.1011.62(12)(c), F.S. superintendents must verify approval of the DCP of each charter school that submitted a plan in the district. Unlike the district DCP, the FLDOE does not require charter school plans to be submitted to them for approval. However, in order to receive their DCP allocation, charter schools must submit a DCP to the district office.</p> <p>District superintendents must also certify that the district has provided teachers, administrators, students and parents access to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Instructional materials in digital or electronic format, as defined in s. 1006.29. 2. Digital materials, including those digital materials that enable students to earn certificates and industry certifications pursuant to ss. 1003.4203 and 1008.44. 3. Teaching and learning tools and resources, including the ability for teachers and administrators to manage, assess and monitor student performance data. <p>Broward proposes using its DCP allocation to procure a standard Learning Management System (LMS) for K-12. The LMS is a key digital resource in a personalized learning environment as it provides individual student and teacher access to instructional content, communication and collaboration tools, and assessments that can be customized and directed to meet individual student needs. The LMS will meet digital learning platform specifications as defined by key stakeholders, and guide the integration of digital curriculum content. The vision is to have a standard learning object repository of instructional applications, instructional frameworks, unit and lesson plans, activities and assessment items aligned to Florida Standards. From this searchable repository, teachers and students will have access to educational content that has been vetted by curriculum experts to meet content quality standards.</p>

	<p>Through a district LMS Task Force and in conjunction with purchasing procurement processes, Broward will select the appropriate LMS along with a content repository to meet the K-12 personalized learning vision of providing each student with access to their own learning system. The selected LMS will incorporate Universal Design principles to ensure that students with disabilities can access and use the system as part of their educational program. The selected LMS and other services identified in the DCP will be brought to the Board for approval following purchasing policy.</p> <p>The Broward plan was developed with input and direction from Academics, Information and Technology, Talent Development and Research Department representatives. The Digital Content Standards Sub-committee, the Digital Projects Workgroup and the Technology Advisory Committee provided input and reviewed the DCP. The DCP is aligned to the technology component of the General Obligation Bond, the District Strategic Plan and the District Technology Strategic Plan.</p>
Impact Statement	<p>There is no additional financial impact to the District. The \$2,368,534 DCP allocation is in the Information and Technology Department budget.</p>