

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**Campus Options
Bennett Elementary School, Fort Lauderdale
SMART Program Improvements**

Introduction

This memo intends to **provide options and recommendations to the School Board of Broward County regarding enhancements to the Bennett Elementary School campus**. In providing this information, it is the intent of staff to chart a course toward achieving both short- and long-term goals for the campus while incorporating for feedback provided by the school’s surrounding community.

In collaboration with OFC, Portfolio Services, the Bennett Elementary School Administration, and the District Board Member, the approach outlined below for reaching these goals has been identified for review. The purpose of this approach is to allow for much needed renovations to be addressed while making the best use of the funds available.

A more detailed explanation of these recommendations, including background and available options can be found in the content that follows.

Background

The original scope of work designated for Bennett Elementary School through the SMART Bond Program includes fire alarm, media center improvements, HVAC improvements and building envelope improvements. However, through the scope validation process undertaken at the onset of the Design phase, and existing Castaldi report, which recommends replacement of Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 rather than renovation, further consideration of the proper path forward has become necessary.

Current enrollment at Bennett Elementary School stands at 327 (2019-2020) with a capacity of 542. With an **under-enrollment of 215**, opportunities are being presented through the SMART Program to right-size campus capacity and make the most effective use of funding. This has led to a necessary pause in the original plan for the project in order to access alternative solutions.

To ensure the best possible outcome for the students, staff, and surrounding community, it is now proposed that renovations which have been designated as essential by all involved parties should continue without further delay as a first phase of this alternative process, while further planning and community engagement continue in a second phase of longer-term solutions.

Proposed Two-Phase Approach

Phase 1 – Essential Repairs	Phase 2 – Future Benefit
1. Complete the roofing scope of Buildings 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 85, and HVAC Upgrades in Building 7.	1. Further evaluation of remaining buildings 2. Development of available options with key stakeholder input

Base Recommendation

Phase 1 of the proposed alternative approach will aim to address the immediate renovation needs of Bennett Elementary School.

The scope of work for the immediate renovations would include completing the roofing scope of Buildings 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 85, and HVAC Upgrades in Building 7.

Essential Repairs

Building #	Scope of Work	Current Programs	Year Built	Student Stations
Building 7	Re-roofing and HVAC Upgrades	Mechanical Room, Storage, Teacher Planning	1980	0
Building 9	Re-roofing	Classrooms, Storage	1994	196
Building 10	Re-roofing	Covered Walkway	1994	0
Building 11	Roof Equipment Cabling	Cafetorium and Kitchen	2007	0
Building 12	Re-roofing	Mechanical Room	1958	0
Building 85	Re-roofing,	Classrooms	2003	72

Phase 2 of the proposed alternative approach will focus on a more in-depth **evaluation of the school's remaining buildings (Buildings 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6) and development of available options which will include, at surface level: renovation only, partial renovation and replacement, or demolition and replacement.**

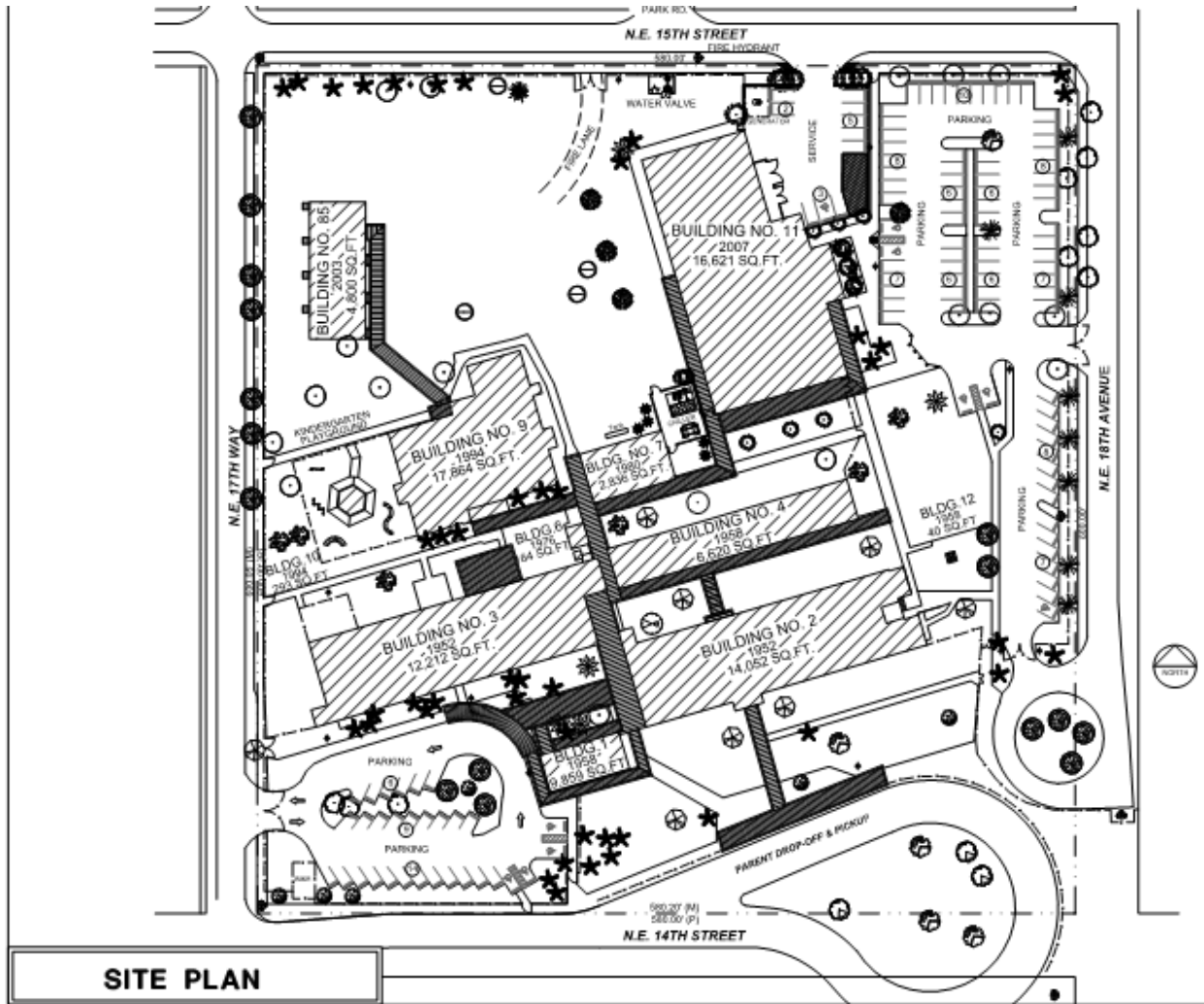
Allowing for additional time spent on planning and in discussion with Bennett Elementary School's key stakeholders will ensure that funding and resources are used to reach the most sustainable and beneficial long-term solution. During this time, valuable information and perspectives will be gathered from the school administration, District staff, municipal and community officials, and the surrounding community at large (both in-boundary and out-of-boundary).

Note: The buildings listed below have an approved Florida Department of Education Castaldi Report

Phase 2

Building #	Current Programs	Year Built	Student Stations
Building 1	Resource Rooms	1958	0
Building 2	Administration Rooms and Classrooms	1952	108
Building 3	Music Room, Art Room, Media Center, and Classrooms	1952	58
Building 4	Classrooms	1958	108
Building 6	Flammable Storage	1976	0

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Financial Impact

The original funding allocation for DEFP/SMART Program enhancements at Bennett Elementary School is \$1,218,425. Phase 1 of the proposed alternative approach is estimated to have a construction cost which can be accomplished with minimal to no additional funding.

Requested School Board Approvals and Next Steps

To proceed with the proposed approach for Bennett Elementary School’s SMART Program enhancements, School Board approval is required for changes to the original scope of work. Specifically, this entails a change of scope to separate the project into two phases. This will allow for the commencement of Phase I, while Phase II is being developed.

Once School Board approval has been received, the current design firm, DLFC, will submit the required construction documents to the Building Department for permitting. The scope of work will then progress to an Advertisement for Bid in the Hire Contractor phase, with a Construction Bid Recommendation anticipated to be brought back to the School Board for approval by Q2 2021.

SMART Program Scope Changes Requiring Approval

Building #	Original SMART Scope	Alternative Scope
Building 1	Re-roofing, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 2 – Scope to be determined
Building 2	Re-roofing, Window Replacement, HVAC Upgrades, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 2 – Scope to be determined
Building 3	Re-roofing, Window Replacement, HVAC Upgrades, Media Center Replacement, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 2 – Scope to be determined
Building 4	Re-roofing, Window Replacement, HVAC Upgrades, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 2 – Scope to be determined
Building 6	Re-roofing, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 2 – Scope to be determined
Building 7	Re-roofing, HVAC Upgrades, Fire Alarm System Replacement,	Phase 1 – Roofing and HVAC scope only Phase 2 – Remainder of scope
Building 9	Re-roofing, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 1 – Roofing scope only Phase 2 – Remainder of scope
Building 10	Re-roofing	Phase 1 – Roofing scope only
Building 11	Roof Equipment Cabling, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 1 – Roofing scope only Phase 2 – Remainder of scope
Building 12	Re-roofing, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 1 – Roofing scope only Phase 2 – Remainder of scope
Building 85	Re-roofing, Fire Alarm System Replacement	Phase 1 – Roofing scope only Phase 2 – Remainder of scope