TaxWatch Recommendations & Staff Responses

SMART Program Quarterly Report Review for the Quarter Ended March 31, 2020

SECTION 3 --- MUSIC & ART EQUIPMENT

RECOMMENDATION 1 Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Chief Academic Officer clarify the status of the kiln program at the June 15, 2020 Bond Oversight Committee meeting.

RESPONSE: The Department of Applied Learning, recognizes and apologizes for the error in the Kiln Narrative indicating that 10 kilns are in the warehouse. We can confirm that there are 7 kilns in the warehouse and that the information in the Music, Art and Theater Equipment Introduction, and the Kiln Status report is correct.

All Kilns					
Status	Number of Kilns				
Ordered	1				
Delivered to warehouse	7				
Delivered to school	128				
Total	136				

SECTION 5 --- FACILITIES

RECOMMENDATION 2 Florida TaxWatch recommends the Executive Director, Capital Programs, brief the Bond Oversight Committee at its June 15, 2020 meeting on the continued viability of the current facilities construction schedule, as well as other likely scenarios and construction schedules.

RESPONSE: The Program Management Team continues to evaluate the everchanging dynamics impacting the schedule including the bidding process. As we continue to gain insight, we will communicate recommendations and mitigating strategies that will be shared with the School Board and subsequently included in the BOC Report.

RECOMMENDATION 3 Florida TaxWatch recommends that the Executive Director, Capital Programs, include in subsequent reports to the Bond Oversight Committee the vendor name, action taken, reason for action, and the amount of any credit recovered from the enforcement of SMART Program contracts.

RESPONSE: In subsequent reports, Facilities will include a report including the vendor name, action taken, reason for action and the amount of the credit.

Included below is a table summarizing the credits recovered thus far:

PROJECT	VENDOR	BOARD DATE	AMOUNT OF CREDIT	ACTION TAKEN	REASON FOR ACTION
Stranahan HS	Wolfberg Alvarez	9/17/2019	\$19,600	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
Pioneer MS	Williamson Dacar	10/15/2019	\$18,000	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
Westwood Heights ES	ACAI	11/15/2019	\$16,000	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
Mirror Lake ES	ACAI	11/15/2019	\$18,000	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
North Side ES	ACAI	11/15/2019	\$12,000	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
McNab ES	ACAI	11/15/2019	\$7,500	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase

Hollywood	ACAI	12/10/2019	\$14,700	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
Hills HS					
Nova HS	ACAI	12/10/2019	\$15,800	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
James M.	Williamson	12/10/2019	\$28,000	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
Rickards MS	Dacar				
Blanche Ely	Wolfberg	2/19/2020	\$27,650	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design
HS	Alvarez				phase/Construction
					Duration extended
Maplewood	MC Harry	4/21/2020	\$11,050	Reduction in Basic Services fee	Delays in design phase
ES					
		Subtotal:	\$188,300		

