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TO: Board of Education

FROM: Jody London, Chair, Facilities Committee

DATE: June 26, 2019

Re: Potential Renewal of General Obligation for Capital Program

ACTION REQUESTED

If following discussion of the issue, the Board has decided to place a General Obligation Bond (GOB) on the ballot in either March or November 2020, it directs the Superintendent and General Counsel to take the steps necessary to prepare a renewal of the District's GOB on the March or November 2020 ballot.

BACKGROUND

The Oakland Unified School District (District) has a long history of using voter-approved bond funds to support improvements in the District's school facilities. The bond was last renewed in 2012 via Measure J, a \$475 million bond. The 2012 Facilities Master Plan identified need of \$1.5 billion. This pattern of need to modernize school facilities far outstripping the amount of available funds is a recognized issue at the State and Federal level. See, for example, numerous reports published by the UC Berkeley Center for Cities and Schools.

Measure J funds will be exhausted in the near future. The District has spent considerable time and resources over the past several years preparing Facilities Conditions Indices for all school sites and updating the Facilities Master Plan, as well as integrating school program requirements with facilities requirements through the Blueprint for Quality Schools.

At the May 22, 2019, Board meeting, Director Hinton Hodge requested that the Board consider a number of actions related to renewing the bond. The Facilities Committee considered this request at its June 14, 2019 meeting (see attached memo from Director Hinton Hodge).

After discussing this issue, the Facilities Committee recommends that the full Board a) decide whether to place a GOB on the ballot in March or November 2020 and, if affirmative, b) to provide direction to staff to proceed with preparing for a renewal of the bond in 2020. Staff should report back, through the Facilities Committee, on a Facilities Master Plan, polling of voters, and other deliverables necessary to place a bond on either the March or November 2020 ballot, including a recommendation on whether it is best advised to proceed on the March or November 2020 ballot.

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