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February 27, 2025

To: Dr. Jesse Rodriguez, Superintendent
From: Dr. Jim Woell, CSBO
RE: Change to Phase 3 (2025) Construction Plan

During a final update and planning meeting with Wold and Camosy, as well as Andrew Stout from the Visual and Performing Arts Department, the furniture costs for the Phase 3 renovations have far exceeded the approved \$700,000 budget by just over \$115,000.

As a result, the team looked at areas where either the furniture costs could be trimmed or if there were projects on the list that could be sacrificed in order to meet the overall project budget.

As you and I have discussed in relation to the Facility Master Plan, some current spaces that were slated for renovation under Phase 3 may be repurposed in the next 3-5 years. One of these spaces is the English Department office area. This office area was approved for renovation under the initial Phase 3 Guaranteed Maximum Price (GMP).

Because our focus is on providing world class 21st century learning spaces for our students, and due to higher than expected furniture costs, I am recommending on behalf of the committee that we not spend the budgeted funds on the English office renovations and apply those funds to cover the additional cost of the furniture for the student spaces.

GMP for English Office Renovation: \$178,646
Budget for Phase 3 furniture: \$700,000
Actual Furniture Cost: \$815,125
Differential: 815,125 - \$178,646=\$636,479
Under budget: \$63,521

By removing the English office from the project renovation list, we will be able to provide world class spaces for our students and also avoid redoing space renovation work as we finalize the FMP. Thank you for your consideration.