

**Item Title:** Wake County Public School System Capital Improvement Program Reallocations

**Specific Action Requested:**  
**That the Board of Commissioners:**

- 1. Approves the request to reallocate \$4,634,867 of project savings from the 2013 Building Program to the Seven Year Capital Improvement Program to support the additional project scope of Apex Friendship Elementary School (E-41);**
- 2. Reduces the 2013 Building Program plan of record to \$996,823,154; and**
- 3. Approves the request to reallocate \$6,139,190 of project savings within the Seven Year Capital Improvement Program to support the additional project scope of Apex Friendship Elementary School (E-41).**

**Item Summary:**

**Purpose:** The Board of Commissioners is statutorily responsible to fund the school system's capital projects and approves all appropriations and reallocations of funds for WCPSS projects.

**Background:** On May 19, 2020, the Board of Education passed a resolution requesting funding for their FY 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program from the Board of Commissioners. On June 15, 2020, the Board of Commissioners adopted the FY 2021 Budget, which included a total of \$322,762,199 million in planned funding for WCPSS capital projects in FY 2021. This item reallocates \$10,774,057 of unused major renovation and new construction from the CIP 2013 plan and the current continuous plan. The reallocation supports the additional project scope of Apex Friendship Elementary School (E-41) due to the availability and acquisition of adjacent property. The Board of Education approved the request on November 10, 2020.

**Board Goal:** This action supports routine County operations.

**Fiscal Impact:** The resolution reallocates a total of \$10,774,057 of project savings of completed new construction and major renovation projects.

**Additional Information:**

The Board of Education is requesting that funds be reallocated from the 2013 CIP and the Seven Year CIP to the Apex Friendship Elementary School (E-41) within the Seven Year CIP as follows:

	Current Budget (All Programs)*	2013 Building Program Proposed Reallocations	Seven Year CIP Proposed Reallocations	New Proposed Budget
<b>WCPSS CIP 2013 Building Program</b>				
<b>New School Projects</b>				
E-32 Scotts Ridge Elementary: Apex (2015)	21,386,069	(457,160)		20,928,909
E-45 Buckhorn Creek Elementary: Holly Springs (2018)	31,216,041	(392,707)		30,823,334
M-12 Bryan Road Middle: Garner(2019)	1,250,000	(733,486)		516,514
M-13 River Bend: N. Raleigh (2017)	40,368,847	(1,073,803)		39,295,044
<b>Existing School Projects</b>				
Green Elem (2016)	20,759,154	(785,624)		19,973,530
Brooks Elem (2017)	23,855,617	(513,951)		23,341,666
Garner High (2018)	71,146,445	(678,136)		70,468,309
<b>Total WCPSS CIP 2013 Building Program reallocations</b>		(4,634,867)	-	
<b>WCPSS Seven Year Capital Improvement Program</b>				
<b>New Schools</b>				
E-24 Barton Pond Elementary: Raleigh (2019)	36,087,976		(3,267,988)	32,819,988
E-41 Elementary: Apex (2022)	2,418,564	4,634,867	6,139,190	13,192,621
H-13 Willow Spring High: Fuquay-Varina (2019)	89,211,346		(1,404,677)	87,806,669
<b>Existing School Projects</b>				
Vandora Springs Elementary (2018)	33,679,000		(1,466,526)	32,212,474
<b>Total WCPSS Seven Year Capital Improvement Program reallocations</b>		4,634,867	-	

\*Current budget shown for new construction and renovation projects that span multiple years.

The reallocation supports the additional project scope of Apex Friendship Elementary School (E-41). E-41 entered its design phase in the summer of 2019, and due to site constraints was planned as a small 508 student capacity school. The purchase of additional land adjacent to the school site was approved by the Board of Commissioners on July 6, 2020. This land acquisition provided additional acreage that supported design and construction of a standard 716 student capacity elementary school. The funding will be used towards the increase in building and site construction cost related to the increase in size and program, with a portion applied to an increased design fee for the program change, and other project cost (commissioning, survey, FFE, contingency).

Additional funding for the construction of Apex Friendship Elementary School (E41) is to be appropriated in January 2021 in accordance with the approved FY 2021 - 2027 Capital Improvement Program.

### Staff Comments

Staff recommends approval of the appropriations and reallocations as requested. The actions are in accordance with the planned funding schedule and accounted for in the County's financial model.

### History of CIP 2013

On October 8, 2013, Wake County citizens approved the authorization of \$810 million of general obligation bonds for the Wake County Public School System 2013 Capital Improvement Program. On October 21, 2013, the Board adopted the resolution declaring the results of the October 8, 2013 bond referendum. These bonds, plus cash appropriations, fund the WCPSS CIP 2013 Building Program. On November 18, 2013, the Board of Commissioners was asked to approve the original CIP 2013 Plan of Record, which consisted of \$43,800,000 from existing County funding, and \$939,954,793 in future funding for a total program amount of \$983,754,793.

On June 16, 2014 the Board approved a Plan of Record increase in the amount of \$6,799,974 as a result of proceeds of the sale of the 3600 Wake Forest Road Site. On July 6, 2015 the Board approved a \$775,000 increase to the Plan of Record to reflect a reallocation of \$775,000 in CIP 2006 savings to CIP 2013. The Board approved a \$2.6 million increase to the Plan of Record on October 19, 2015 as part of another reallocation of savings from CIP 2006 to CIP 2013. On February 15, 2016 the Board increased the Plan of Record by \$4,454,720 to reflect proceeds from the sale of the original H-6 site (CIP 2006). On March 6, 2017 the Board approved the reallocation of \$3,073,534 in CIP 2006 Savings to CIP 2013, bringing the current Plan of Record total to \$1,001,458,021. This item reduces the Plan of record by \$4,634,867, bringing the current Plan of Record total to \$996,823,154.

The Capital Improvement Program contemplates commitments through fiscal year 2018. It provides for construction of fifteen new schools: ten new elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools. Additionally, the plan includes funds for five major renovations, start-up construction costs at five other schools, life cycle equipment replacement, educational equipment replacement, technology and security, land acquisition and start-up design for new schools, facilities assessments and program management and contingency. To date, \$1.00 billion has been appropriated; fifteen new schools and five major renovations have been completed. Several projects partially funded through CIP 2013 are in the design or construction phase.

CIP 2013 originally included funds for eleven new elementary schools, three new middle schools, two new high schools, six major renovations and startup renovation costs for three schools. On July 6, 2015 the Board of Commissioners approved the Board of Education's request for several changes to the program. Two projects were deferred to the next building program. The construction of a new elementary school in Holly Springs (E-46) was deferred due to site identification difficulties, and a major renovation at Vandora Springs Elementary was deferred due to swing space timing needs.

**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. Board of Education Resolution
3. CIP 2013 Plan of Record