

Dr. Steve Gallon III, Vice Chair

SUBJECT: GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND (GOB), FACILITIES, AND CONSTRUCTION

COMMITTEE: FACILITIES AND CONSTRUCTION

LINK TO STRATEGIC PLAN : EFFECTIVE & SUSTAINABLE OPERATIONAL PRACTICES

On November 6, 2012, nearly 70% of voters in Miami-Dade County supported a measure on the ballot to invest in their local public schools by approving the issuance of a \$1.2 billion General Obligation Bond (GOB) for the Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS). This investment was explicitly earmarked for renovating facilities, updating technology, building school replacements, expanding student capacity, and enhancing facility safety. The last such measure to invest in facility enhancements of M-DCPS' public schools was approved over two decades prior in 1988. The present GOB Program was scheduled to be implemented over a 10-year period---concluding in 2022.

In addition to providing the long-term capital needed by the District, which was to be repaid over time, the GOB promised to “create 9,200 jobs during the first three years of the bond and more than 18,000 sustainable jobs during the course of construction.” Thus, employment and economic development opportunities were proffered not simply as tangential benefits of the GOB, but as one of the fulcrums for soliciting and gaining community support, and subsequent voter approval. This premise of employment and economic development was further confirmed by M-DCPS' retention of the Washington Economics Group (WEG) to provide an independent and professional analysis estimating the economic impacts and economic development benefits that could be generated by the GOB. Since the implementation of the GOB Program, M-DCPS has successfully launched an ambitious program of technology upgrades and enhancements, facility renovations and repairs, and new school construction. The scope of the work associated with the GOB has been reported to be timely, at or below budget, and at a standard of high design and construction quality that the District and community should be proud of. However, the promises and commitments of the GOB were not circumscribed to the delivery of technology, facility enhancements, and new school construction. They also included promises and commitments to principles and practices of accountability and transparency in areas that included but were not limited to inclusion, contracting, procurement, and financial expenditures.

To date, GOB expenditures and contracted work in M-DCPS has exceeded \$500 million with more than 148 projects completed and of which \$85 million having been spent on technology purchases alone. An additional \$86 million is presently under contract and, according to the presentation made at the School Board General Obligation Bond Workshop held on October 25, 2017, there are approximately \$665 million additional dollars to be expended on subsequent GOB projects.

As the GOB Program nears its conclusion, a review and update on not only the GOB Program but as well as the overall facilities and construction of the school district should be conducted and presented to both the School Board and made available to the public. Such information will serve to establish an assessment of performance to date and establish a baseline for performance moving forward.

This review and update should include but not be limited to the following:

- Total spent of 2012 GOB through February 2022;
- Total GOB and individual minority spend in amount and percentage through February 2022, by disparate categories cited in the Comprehensive Disparity Study Final Report that was submitted to M-DCPS by Miller3 Consulting, Inc. (“2021 Disparity Study”) and accepted by the Board on September 9, 2021;
- Number, name, and nature of completed GOB projects, by voting district, through February 2022;
- Number, name, and nature of incomplete, contracted GOB projects, by voting district, as of February 2022;
- Number, name, and nature of non-GOB funded capital construction projects under contract as of February 2022;
- Total spent of non-GOB funded capital construction spend from July 1, 2016 through February 2022;
- Total non-GOB funded capital construction and individual minority spend in amount and percentage, by disparate categories cited in the 2021 Disparity Study, through February 2022;
- Total number and name of minority and women-owned construction firms that were prequalified and certified by M-DCPS, by disparate categories cited in the 2021 Disparity Study, and the number and amounts of individual contracts awarded and completed with M-DCPS from July 1, 2016 through February 2022.

This item seeks to direct the Superintendent to provide the above information and present in the form of a presentation to the School Board at the Facilities and Construction Meeting of May 11, 2022.

This item has been reviewed and approved by the School Board Attorney’s office as to form and legal sufficiency.

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. STEVE GALLON III:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Superintendent to:

1. Provide an update on the General Obligation Bond and Capital Construction Program projects to date as follows:
 - a. Total spent of 2012 GOB through February 2022;
 - b. Total GOB and individual minority spend in amount and percentage through February 2022, by disparate categories cited in the Comprehensive Disparity Study Final Report that was submitted to M-DCPS by Miller3 Consulting, Inc. (“2021 Disparity Study”) and accepted by the School Board on September 9, 2021;

- c. Number, name, and nature of completed GOB projects, by voting district, through February 2022;
 - d. Number, name, and nature of incomplete, contracted GOB projects, by voting district, as of February 2022;
 - e. Number, name, and nature of non-GOB funded capital construction projects under contract as of February 2022;
 - f. Total spent of non-GOB funded capital construction spend from July 1, 2016 through February 2022;
 - g. Total non-GOB funded capital construction and individual minority spend in amount and percentage, by disparate categories cited in the 2021 Disparity Study, through February 2022; and
 - h. Total number and name of minority and women-owned construction firms that were prequalified and certified by M-DCPS, by disparate categories cited in the 2021 Disparity Study, and the number and amounts of individual contracts awarded and completed with M-DCPS from July 1, 2016 through February 2022.
2. Provide the above information and present in the form of a presentation to the School Board at the Facilities and Construction Meeting of June 15, 2022.