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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Honorable Kwame R. Brown
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

FROM: Natwar M. Gandhi 
Chief Financial Officer

DATE: February 14, 2011

SUBJECT: Fiscal Impact Statement – “Fiscal Year 2011 Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization Funding Revised Emergency Amendment Act of 2011”

REFERENCE: Draft Legislation shared with the OCFO on February 14, 2011

Conclusion

Funds are sufficient in the FY 2011 through FY 2014 budget and financial plan and District’s FY 2011 through FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to implement the proposed legislation.

Background

The proposed legislation would authorize the Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization (OPEFM) to expend funds of approximately \$262.3 million on new construction, modernization, and stabilization work for school projects scheduled to begin in Fiscal Year 2011 consistent with the FY 2011 through FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan for Public Education Facilities (“CIP”).¹

It also would approve the reprogramming of capital budget from sources of available balances of allotment as follows: 1) \$14.4 million for the reconstruction of Takoma Elementary School; 2) \$4.1 million for an underground parking garage at Janney Elementary School; and 3) \$2.5 million for planning the modernization of Ballou High School.

¹ The request includes approximately \$153.6 million for High School Modernizations (YY131C), \$72.1 million for Elementary/Middle School Modernizations (YY132C), \$35.1 million for Stabilization (YY230C), and \$1.5 million for additional projects including support for a collaborative master planning and public and charter school planning project, the development of a middle school arts initiative and program, and for planning for the accommodation of Bruce Monroe at Parkview.

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FIS: "Fiscal Year 2011 Office of Public Education Facilities Modernization Funding Revised Emergency Amendment Act of 2011," draft shared with OCFO on February 14, 2011

Financial Plan Impact

Funds are sufficient in the District's FY 2011 through FY 2016 Capital Improvement Plan to implement the proposed legislation. The funds for which OPEFM is asking for expenditure authorization are already included in the District's FY 2011 capital budget and the reprogramming of capital budget uses sources of available balances of allotment.

The Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Support Act of 2010² requires that except for projects underway, the Chief Financial Officer shall not approve the use of FY 2011 funding from OPEFM's following budget categories until the Council has approved the CIP: Modernizations Underway, High School Modernizations, Elementary/Middle School Modernizations, and Selective Additions and New Construction.³

The CIP was introduced November 3, 2010⁴ but was not approved during the 18th legislative period. According to the Council rules, the CIP must be reintroduced for approval in the 19th legislative period. With the proposed legislation OPEFM is requesting that the funds be made available prior to Council approval of the CIP in order to begin work on new construction projects scheduled for FY 2011. The requested funding is already included in the OPEFM budget.

² Effective September 24, 2010 (D.C. Law 18-223, 57 DCR 6242)

³ The CIP is a school modernization schedule that includes sequencing and project implementation timelines, and the 8-Year Master Facilities Plan Financial Projection and Scope of Work.

⁴ PR 18-1170 "FY2011 through FY2016 Capital Improvement Plan for Public Education Facilities Approval Resolution of 2010", introduced on Wednesday, November 3, 2010.