

**Resolution 2024-25: 54**

**Edison Campus Structural Scope Changes and Budget Transfer**

**By Board Member Kim Jones**

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (“Act”) established the Rochester Joint Schools Construction Board (“RJSCB” or “Board”), a seven voting member board consisting of equal representation by the City of Rochester (“City”) and the Rochester City School District (“District”), as well as a member jointly selected by the City and the District; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the RJSCB has certain enumerated powers to act as agent for the District, the City, or both; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Act by enacting Chapter 533 of the Laws of 2014 (“Amended Act”), thereby providing alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 26 projects for a total cost of \$435,000,000 for Phase II; and

WHEREAS, the New York State Legislature amended the Amended Act by enacting Chapter 614 of the Laws of 2021 (“Second Amended Act”) to authorize additional oversight, transparency, and accountability by the New York State Education Department to ensure projects are completed on time and within budget, and to provide alternative financing mechanisms for the reconstruction of up to 12 projects for a total cost of \$475,000,000 for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, Edison Career & Technology H.S. (“Edison”) is one of the projects included in Phase 3a of the RSMP as provided in the Phase III Strategic Plan; and

WHEREAS, Edison is a 570,000 sf multi-level post-tensioned concrete structure built in 1977, which has experienced multiple post-tensioning strand failures dating back to 1983; and

WHEREAS, the Board retained Simpson Gumpertz & Heger (“SGH”) to provide a structural evaluation of Edison and make recommendations to remediate any identified deficiencies; and

WHEREAS, SGH issued its Evaluation and Condition Assessment of Post-Tensioned Concrete Construction (“Evaluation”) on or about April 22, 2025, which included recommendations and conceptual cost estimates to address “Tier 1” repairs detailed in the Evaluation; and

WHEREAS, implementing SGH’s recommendations will require a budget transfer from the East Campus project to the Edison project in the amount of \$11,425,709;

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2025, the Phase III Program Manager provided its recommendation to the Board to make the budget transfer from East Campus to Edison so as to implement the SGH “Tier 1” repair recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Board discussed the proposed additional scope at Edison, the corresponding budget transfer of \$11,425,709 million from East Campus to Edison, as well as the reduction of the East Campus project budget at its regular Board meeting on May 12, 2025, and after due deliberation acts as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The budget for Edison Career & Technology H.S. project is increased from \$102,731,838 to \$114,157,547;
2. The budget for the East High School Campus project is decreased from \$26,504,659 to \$10,078,950;
3. The Program Manager shall take such necessary actions to implement this Resolution, including securing additional service proposals from the Board's consultants; and
4. The Program Manager is directed to continue to work with the Board's Financial Advisor and Bond Underwriter to analyze the cost allowances and update and resubmit the Financial Plan accordingly.

**Second by Board Member Jesse Dudley**

**Adopted 6-0**