

Resolution 2025-26: 10

Approval of Program Verification and Submission for Edison High School

By Board Member Jesse Dudley

WHEREAS, the Rochester School Facilities Modernization Program Act (the “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 of the Rochester Schools Modernization Program (“RSMP”); 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 of the RSMP; and

WHEREAS, the Act calls for the District to develop a comprehensive school facilities modernization plan for Phase III; and

WHEREAS, the Board and the District, working with the Phase III Program Manager, developed a Phase III Strategic Plan, which identified the selected projects and provided costs estimates, the Financial Plan and the Diversity Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education approved the Phase III Strategic Plan on March 28, 2024 (Resolution No. 2023-24: 716); and

WHEREAS, the Phase III Strategic Plan was approved by the Board on May 13, 2024 and submitted to the New York State Comptroller and New York State Education Department as required by the Act (Resolution 2023-24: 33); and

WHEREAS, at its August 12, 2025 meeting, the Board was presented with Program Verification Approval and Submission Status Report for Edison Career and Technology High School (the “Verification Report”) for approval; and

WHEREAS, the RJSCB considered and discussed the details of the Verification Report at its August 12, 2025 meeting, and after due deliberation and further consideration of the Verification Report, now acts as follows:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED

1. The RJSCB hereby accepts and approves the Verification Report;
2. The RJSCB hereby directs the Program Manager to take all steps necessary to effectuate the Verification Report, including moving forward with next steps contemplated in the Verification Report, subject to further Board approval, including but not limited to Schematic Design work and Schematic Design submission.

Second by Board Member Kim Jones

Adopted: 6-0