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Subject: RE: CTE Capital Request

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Good evening, Marty.

Below please find (1) the brief project description for the Signature CTE academies that was provided for the Guilford County Board of Education, (2) student transportation plan (3) design estimate, (4) project timeline estimate, (5) program overview 2019-2020, and (6) district strategic and legislative priorities.

1. Project Summaries

Academy at Smith

Moderate renovation to existing classrooms and lab spaces into one (1) Mental Health classroom/CTE lab, and one (1) Pharmacy Technology classroom/CTE lab

Kearns Academy

Minor renovation to existing classrooms into one (1) Artificial Intelligence classroom/CTE lab, one (1) Geospatial Technologies classroom/CTE lab, and up-fit of an existing computer based classroom/CTE lab for Cyber Security program

Northeast High School

Up-fit of existing classrooms into one (1) Artificial Intelligence classroom/CTE lab, one (1) Geospatial Technologies classroom/CTE lab, and one (1) Cyber Security classroom/CTE lab

Smith High School

Build a new CTE building to include: one (1) Advance Manufacturing classroom/lab, one (1) Engineering classroom/lab, six (6) core classrooms, one (1) collaboration area, and faculty office space

Southeast High School

Major renovation to existing CTE space into one (1) Advanced Manufacturing CTE lab and one (1) Engineering Lab

Western High School

Moderate renovation of existing classrooms into one (1) Drone Technology classroom/CTE lab, as well as major renovation of an existing classroom into one (1) Diesel Technology classroom and build a new Diesel Technology Lab

2. Student Transportation

Students who live within a Signature Academy school zone will be transported to school via the GCS transportation department. We are working with the City of Greensboro and City of High Point to provide public transportation for students who reside within the city limits and wish to attend the Signature Academies at the Academy at Smith, Smith HS, Western Guilford HS, or Kearns Academy. Once public transportation is established, the GCS transportation department will provide transportation for students wishing to attend Signature Academies at Southeast Guilford High School and Northeast Guilford High School.

3. Design Estimate

We do not have a design estimate at this time. As you know, project design is generally 13% of total project cost.

4. Project Timeline

We expect construction to be completed by September 2021.

5. Program Overview

We will begin each Signature Academy with 40 freshmen students who will be taking their initial course work required for graduation and will not require advanced CTE labs during their first year of participation.

6. CTE Priority

CTE is indeed one of six priorities in the GCS Strategic Plan and is listed as one of our 2019 legislative priorities. Both are attached to this email.

Thank you for reaching out to me.

Sharon Contreras

From: Marty Lawing <mlawing@guilfordcountync.gov>
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Sharon:

I am just passing along the requests of the commissioners. They want to know how a student will get to the academy of their choice if it is outside of their attendance area. They want to know if the district will provide the transportation or if a student will be responsible for their own transportation.

The commissioners are getting questions from the public and they just want to know the answers before they take action on the request. There are a lot of questions that could not be asked in closed session last week. There are some questions centered around how the academies can be effective in the first year if all of the improvements that are being requested are not completed by the end of August.

The commissioners are very deliberate in their decision making when it comes to fiscal matters and are consistent in requesting and obtaining as much information as possible to base their decisions on.

I shared these questions two weeks ago and again on Thursday night. I am just trying to let you know what it might take to move this along. There may be more than I listed in my prior e-mail.

Thanks,

Marty

From: Contreras, Sharon L [<mailto:contres@gcsnc.com>]
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Also, I don't understand the need for a transportation plan as part of a capital request. Please explain in writing for the record.

Sharon

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Sharon:

We will be finalizing the Commissioners agenda for April 18th tomorrow morning in a meeting with the Chairman and Vice Chairman. I do not think the CTE Capital request will be included on the agenda without additional information for the Board to consider to include the following:

- General description of the improvements to be made at each academy
- Transportation plan for students that want to attend an academy outside of their normal attendance area
- Projected schedule for the work to be completed and an explanation of how the academies will operate in the first year prior to the capital improvements being completed
- Estimated cost of design for the improvements at all 6 academies (Commissioners may be inclined to approve design dollars initially and construction dollars when construction bids are received)
- Documentation that the CTE Academies are the top priority of the Board of Education for the unused bond proceeds and that the capital project related to the tornado damaged schools will be requested as part of the bond referendum package of projects.

Please call me to discuss if you have any questions. Our agenda meeting is at 8:30 am tomorrow, so I will need the information by 5:00 pm today.

Thanks,

Marty

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