

**MEMORANDUM**

To: Michael Halford
County Manager
Guilford County

From: Angie Henry, Chief Financial Officer
Michelle Reed, Chief Operations Officer
Guilford County Schools

Date: April 11, 2022

RE: Project Ordinance Revisions

On May 16, 2019, the Guilford County Board of Commissioners (BOCC) approved the transfer of \$5,223,803 to the Career & Technical Edu Cap Improvements project ordinance.

These dollars have been used to update the facilities in the Guilford County Schools (GCS) Signature Career Academies at the following locations:

- The Academy at Smith
- The Kearns Academy
- Western Guilford High School
- Northeast Guilford High School
- Ben L. Smith High School

At the time these dollars were transferred, GCS anticipated adding square footage to Ben L. Smith High School for the Signature Academy of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering. However, Ben L. Smith High School is included as a full renovation in the next phase of the GCS Facilities Master Plan. To avoid spending dollars on a space that may inhibit the design and construction of the full renovation project, we will not move forward with the adding space for the academy. While we are not planning to add space, GCS still plans to make interior improvements to the current space at Ben L. Smith High School being used for the Signature Academy of Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering.

Because of this change, on March 26, 2022, the Guilford County Board of Education (BOE) approved requesting \$2 million in funds included in the Career & Technical Edu Cap Improvements project ordinance for this facility improvement be transferred to the School Safety & Security Improvements project ordinance.

Guilford County Schools received responses to a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Emergency Responder Radio Coverage System (ERRCS). To award this work, the BOE approved requesting the remaining \$4.4 million in 2/3 bonds issued by the BOCC to be allocated to the School Safety & Security Improvements project ordinance. The BOCC allocated \$600,000 to this project ordinance in the fall of 2019 to fund the study required to create the specifications included in the RFP.

The unspent portion of the \$600,000 along with the \$4.4 million will fund the work needed to be done at the schools identified in the responses as critical. To fund the entire project, we would need an additional \$3 million above the \$4.4 million.

The BOE is requesting that these transfers be placed on the consent agenda of the next BOCC meeting. GCS staff members will be available at the meeting to answer questions. Please call me at (336)370-8343 if commissioners have any questions and/or need any additional information regarding this item prior to the meeting.