

## **Action Item - 26**

**Title:** Donation Acceptance from Seven Mastery Charter Schools (\$26,800,000) and License and Right of Entry Agreements with Skanska USA, Inc., Torcon, and Seven Mastery Charter Schools – Added 3.13.2025

**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 3/27/2025

### **Action Under Consideration**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or their designee, to accept a donation and to execute and perform a license and right of entry agreement and any other necessary documents, subject to funding, as follows:

#### **With:**

Skanska USA, Inc.;  
Torcon;  
Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary;  
Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School;  
Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus;  
Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary;  
Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary;  
Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary;  
Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary

#### **Purpose:**

For donation acceptances from seven Mastery Charter Schools:

- Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary (\$2,800,000);
- Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School (\$3,400,000);
- Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus (\$3,700,000);
- Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary (\$3,600,000);
- Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary (\$4,000,000);
- Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary (\$5,500,000);
- Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary (\$3,800,000)

And for License and Right of Entry Agreements with:

- Skanska USA, Inc. and Torcon, as contractors;
- Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary;
- Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School;
- Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus;
- Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary;
- Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary;
- Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary;
- Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary

For the performance of facility improvements at seven District-owned school buildings.

**Authorized Start date:** 4/15/2025

**Authorized End Date:** 12/31/2026

**Value of Donation:** \$26,800,000

**Location:**

Harrity Elementary School  
Frederick Douglass Elementary School  
Simon Gratz High School  
Smedley Elementary School  
Pastorius Elementary School  
Mann Elementary School  
Cleveland Elementary School

**Renewal Option(s) and Term(s):**

N/A

**Description:**

**Why is this contract needed?**

Mastery Charter School Harrity Elementary; Frederick Douglass Mastery Charter School; Mastery Charter School Simon Gratz Campus; Mastery Charter School Smedley Elementary; Mastery Charter School Pastorius-Richardson Elementary; Mastery Charter School Mann Elementary; and Mastery Charter School Cleveland Elementary (“Mastery Charter Schools”) have proposed to renovate, using Mastery Charter Schools’ funds, the main entrances and related areas of the District-owned school buildings these charter schools use under licensing arrangements with the District. The Mastery Charter Schools have engaged Blackney Hayes Architects to design the project plans and Skanska USA, Inc. and Torcon to construct the improvements at Harrity Elementary School, Frederick Douglass Elementary School, Simon Gratz High School, Smedley Elementary School, Pastorius Elementary School, Mann Elementary School, and Grover Cleveland Elementary School. All of the improvements shall be constructed in compliance with the Public School Code, local building codes, and District design standards. Upon completion, the Mastery Charter Schools will donate the improvements to the District.

**How is this work connected to the District’s plan to achieve Goals and Guardrails?**

Guardrail 1: Welcoming and Supportive Schools by transforming school buildings into vibrant, inspiring spaces, promoting student and community pride, and fostering a sense of belonging. The proposed improvements by the Mastery Charter Schools at seven District-owned school buildings will improve the facilities at these school

buildings to enhance the inclusive, engaging, and supportive school environments for all Philadelphia public school students in alignment with the District's mission.

**How will the success of this contract be measured?**

By the completion of the seven projects by the individual Mastery Charter Schools and construction of improvements in compliance with the Public School Code, local building codes, and District design standards.

**Related resolution(s)/action item(s)**

N/A

**Funding Source(s)**

N/A

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Capital Programs