

Action Item - 43

Title: Capital Award for Green Stormwater Infrastructure (GSI) at Horatio B. Hackett Elementary School (\$2,509,000) – Added 6.11.2025

Board of Education Meeting Date: 6/26/2025

Action Under Consideration

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or their designee, to execute and perform separate contracts with the lowest responsible bidders, subject to funding, as follows:

With:

Daniel J. Keating, Co.

Purpose:

Greening, stormwater management, and schoolyard improvements

Authorized Start date: 6/27/2025

Authorized End Date: 6/30/2027

Location:

Hackett, Horatio B. School

Renewal Option(s):

N/A

Description:

Why is this contract needed?

Within GreenFutures' sustainability plan, the District has recognized the importance of providing students with access to outdoor learning environments that integrate green stormwater infrastructure, combining stormwater management with greening efforts. To support this initiative, the District has secured funding through the Philadelphia Water Department's (PWD) Stormwater Management Incentives Program (SMIP) grant and a generous donation from Live Nation for the Hackett School project.

Additionally, the Friends of Hackett School were awarded grants from the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development and the 76ers and have donated or transferred those funds to the District. The Friends of Hackett School also organized a fundraiser to enhance inclusive schoolyard amenities and promote playful learning opportunities. These funds have been instrumental in

advancing the District's goal of establishing green spaces at Horatio B. Hackett Elementary School.

To facilitate the project, the District entered into a Subgrant Agreement with the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation-Local Development Corporation, as well as an Operations and Maintenance Agreement with PWD to access the SMIP grant funds.

With the design and construction documents finalized, Daniel J. Keating Co. Inc. was selected as the bidder and was awarded a contract valued at \$2,509,000 to implement multiple green stormwater infrastructure systems in the Hackett School parking lot and schoolyard, alongside broader schoolyard improvements.

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

Every school will be a safe, welcoming, and healthy place where our students, staff, and community want to be and learn each day. This means that our schools will be: 1) environmentally safe and clean; and 2) spaces with inclusive climates that provide students with access to robust social, emotional, and mental health supports.

How will the success of this contract be measured?

The success of this project will be measured by the successful completion of the construction of the 2 Green Stormwater Infrastructure systems, the conversion of pavement to greenspace, activating the entire schoolyard with improved basketball half courts, a new outdoor classroom, shaded new seating areas, and a welcoming greened walkway into the school campus.

When applicable, was a larger community of District community members and/or stakeholders involved in this selection process? If so, what groups and how?

The school staff, school community, and Friends Of group participated in the original schoolyard greening design around 7 years ago and have been working with the District ever since to develop this construction project.

Related resolution(s)/action item(s)

August 17, 2023; No. 44
November 21, 2024; No. 1

Funding Source(s)

- Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) Stormwater Management Incentives Program (SMIP) Grant (\$1,581,299)
- The Friends of Hackett Donation, through fundraising, PA DCED awarded grants, and the 76ers (\$111,695)
- Live Nation donation held by The Fund of the School District of Philadelphia (\$50,000)
- Capital Bond Funds (\$794,701)

Office Originating Request:
Operations - Capital Programs