

19. Mary McLeod Bethune School, Alain Locke School, Amedee Bregy School, James Logan Elementary School – Schoolyard Improvement Projects - Limited Joinders to Amendment to Subgrant Agreement, and Operations and Maintenance Agreements

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**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 4/24/2025

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### **Actions Under Consideration:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute limited Joinders to Amendments to Subgrant Agreement, subject to funding, as follows:

#### **With:**

Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation - Local Development Corporation (PIDC-LDC) and the Trust for Public Land (TPL)

**Purpose:** To authorize the School District to enter into limited Joinders to Amendments to the Subgrant Agreement between PIDC-LDC and TPL, which would add James Logan Elementary School, add additional funds, and extend the term of the subgrant agreement by 3 years.

**Original Start Date:** 4/21/2023

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

**Amended Authorized End Date:** 12/31/2029

Upon receipt of the Greened Acre Retrofit Program (GARP) grant funds by TPL, the Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the School District, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform Operations and Maintenance Agreements as follows:

#### **With:**

Philadelphia Water Department

**Purpose:** To enter into standard Operations and Maintenance agreements for stormwater management practices.

**Original Start Date:** 4/21/2023

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

**Amended Authorized End Date:** 5/1/2068

**Location(s):**

Bethune, Mary M. School  
Locke, Alain School  
Bregy, F. Amedee School

Upon receipt of the GARP grant funds by TPL, the Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the School District, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform an Operations and Maintenance Agreement as follows:

**With:**

Philadelphia Water Department

**Purpose:** To enter into a standard Operations and Maintenance agreement for stormwater management practices.

**Start Date:** 3/1/2028

**End Date:** 2/28/2073

**Location:** Logan, James Elementary School

**Description:****Why is this limited joinder to subgrant agreement amendment needed?**

Over two-thirds of the School District's elementary schools are without vibrant outdoor spaces with greening and age-appropriate equipment and safety surfacing. By working with TPL, the School District has been able to install new schoolyard improvements that include the installation of new playground equipment, green infrastructure practices, artificial turf field surfacing, poured-in-place safety surfacing, landscaping, tree planting, fencing, basketball standard installation, and high-quality site furniture, and to repair and replace pavement.

TPL had been awarded Greened Acre RetroFit Program (GARP) grant funds by the Philadelphia Water Department (PWD) for stormwater improvements at Mary McLeod Bethune, Alain Locke School, and Amedee Bregy School. These GARP grants have helped the School District advance its goal of providing green spaces at all schools. PWD has awarded TPL additional funds of \$1,431,434 to support stormwater management at James Logan Elementary School.

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the School District to execute limited joiners, as Property Owner, to Amendments to Subgrant Agreement between the PIDC-LDC and TPL for the stormwater improvements at Mary McLeod Bethune, Alain Locke School, Amedee Bregy School, and James Logan Elementary School for purpose of the School District consenting to certain obligations under the Amendments to Subgrant Agreement. Success will be measured by the

increase of stormwater management on the school sites, which will generate stormwater credits and result in lower water utility costs.

Upon the receipt of the GARP grant funds by TPL, the Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize the School District, through the Superintendent or his designee, to amend the end date for the Operations and Maintenance Agreements for Mary McLeod Bethune, Alain Locke School, and Amedee Bregy School and to execute an Operations and Maintenance Agreement for John Logan Elementary School.

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

Guardrail 1: 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?**

Success will be measured by the increase of stormwater management on the school sites, which will generate stormwater credits and result in lower water utility costs.

**Related resolution(s)/approval(s):**

April 20,2023; No.40

**Office Originating Request:**

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