

19. Contract with DLR Group Inc. for Facilities Planning Services (\$4,450,918) – Added  
9.4.2024/Updated 9.18.2024

## **Action Item - 19**

**Title:** Contract with **DLR Group Inc.** for Facilities Planning Services (**\$4,450,918**) –  
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**Board of Education Meeting Date:** 9/19/2024

### **Action Under Consideration:**

The Administration recommends that the Board of Education authorize The School District of Philadelphia, through the Superintendent or his designee, to execute and perform a contract, subject to funding, as follows:

**With:**

**DLR Group Inc.**

**Purpose:**

Development of a comprehensive Facilities Plan, including Facility Condition Assessments, Educational Suitability Assessments, updated enrollment projections, and stakeholder engagement

**Start date:** 9/20/2024

**End Date:** 6/30/2026

**Compensation not to exceed:**  
**\$4,450,918**

**Location:**

All Properties owned by the School District of Philadelphia

**Renewal Option:**

N/A

**Maximum Compensation authorized per option period:**

N/A

**Description:**

**Why is this contract needed?**

This contract is needed to assist the School District of Philadelphia in developing a comprehensive Facilities Plan that aligns with its educational goals, enrollment trends, and community needs. The plan will prioritize facility upgrades, renovations, and new construction to create safe, equitable, and sustainable learning environments. By providing Facility Condition and Educational Suitability Assessments, updating enrollment forecasts, and involving key stakeholders, the contract will support data-driven decisions for long-term capital investments.

Additionally, this plan directly supports **Guardrail 1**, making every school a safe, welcoming, and healthy place where students, staff, and the community thrive. Deliverables include comprehensive assessments, updated enrollment projections, and a finalized Facilities Plan, all designed to support safer, more accessible, and sustainable schools.

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

The success of this contract will be measured by the timely and accurate completion of key deliverables, including but not limited to the Facilities Condition Assessments, Educational Suitability Assessments, Enrollment Projection Updates, and Capacity and Utilization Assessments.

These deliverables must meet the School District's requirements for data integration and support long-term planning.

Success will also be determined by the extent to which the finalized Facilities Plan enhances the safety, accessibility, and sustainability of school facilities, aligning with **Guardrail 1**. Additionally, stakeholder engagement and feedback will be critical metrics to ensure the plan reflects community needs and priorities.

**Which Goal and/or Guardrail does this Action Item support?**

**Has this investment been discussed during a progress monitoring session?**

**Which session?**

This Action Item supports **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 investment aligns with the District's commitment to improving facility conditions for a safe and supportive learning environment. This investment has been discussed during previous progress monitoring sessions focused on facility improvements and long-term capital planning.

**Does this Action Item support a specific strategy/intervention identified in the Strategic Plan?**

Yes, this Action Item supports a specific strategy identified in the **Accelerate Philly** Strategic Plan. Specifically, it aligns with **Priority Area 1: Improve Safety and Well-Being** and **Strategic Action 1.1**: Establish a facilities master plan project team, including internal and external stakeholders, to identify a process and investments needed to significantly improve academic achievement and to achieve Guardrails 1 and 2

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

September 18, 2024; No. 23

**Funding Source(s)**

FY 24-25 Operating

FY 24-25 Capital Budget

**Office Originating Request:**

Operations - Capital Programs