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**Date:** May 5, 2020  
**To:** School Board  
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**Subject:** Multiple Pathways to Graduation - Master Plan approval

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**BACKGROUND**

**Board Resolution 5780 (December 18, 2018)** approved the Benson Polytechnic High School Ed Specs and Benson Master Plan. The resolution included the following:

- “Board Resolution 5160 also directed the Superintendent or designee to prepare an analysis of location options for Alliance Professional Technical High School. The Superintendent has expanded the scope of the analysis to further include other Multiple Pathways to Graduation programs (MPG) and will present that analysis to the Board of Education no later than February 28, 2019.”

**Board Resolution 5828 (February 26, 2019)** approved the following:

- Co-location of Portland International Scholars Academy (PISA), Pioneer, Virtual Scholars classroom(s), Evening and Summer School within the Benson Polytechnic High School modernization;
- A new Multiple Pathways to Graduation (MPG) building on the existing Benson parking lot for Alliance High School, Reconnection Center & Services, Teen Parent Program and Childcare, and DART/Clinton School;
- An evaluation of the Alliance program currently at Meek to determine feasibility of co-locating in the MPG building.

**Board Resolution 5859 (March 19, 2019)** approved the updated Benson Campus Master Plan dated March 13, 2019. The resolution also noted:

- “The Superintendent will return to the Board of Education no later than May 28, 2019 with an evaluation of Alliance at Meek campus programming that will include feasibility of co-locating in the new MPG building on the Benson campus.”

**Board Resolution 5910 (June 25, 2019)** approved the addition of Alliance at Meek programming to the Multiple Pathways to Graduation building on the Benson campus, based on the strong support for option #1 presented at the Board work session on May 21, 2019.

The proposed Master Plan for a new Multiple Pathways to Graduation High School is the culmination of approximately 1 year of planning and design of work by District and MPG Leadership, MPG students, staff, and stakeholders.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

Board Resolution 5910 approved the Benson Campus Master Plan with a budget of \$357,729,000, with \$61,728,900 of that amount allocated to the MPG Building on the Benson Campus. The proposed MPG Master Plan update to the Benson Campus Master Plan will not change the current Benson Campus budget.

If the option (described below) to add an additional 1,000 SF to the gym is approved as part of the MPG Master Plan, the cost for the option could be supported by utilizing contingency within the MPG budget. Remaining contingency would still meet industry and department standards for new construction at the master plan phase.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

A Design Advisory Group with representatives from Teen Parent Services, Alliance at Benson, Alliance at Meek, DART / Clinton, Reconnection Services and MPG Leadership have held a total of six meetings and two field trips to inform the process.

**TIMELINE FOR IMPLEMENTATION / EVALUATION**

Upon approval of the MPG Master Plan, the project will immediately move into the formal design phases. Construction is scheduled to begin on the Benson Campus in June 2021 with completion in 2024.

**BOARD OPTIONS WITH ANALYSIS**

Board Resolution 5910 approved the Benson Campus Master Plan with a total MPG area of 85,031 SF. The Master Plan at that time included an activity area at 5,000 SF for physical activities. In discussion with the DAG, there is a high priority for a competition sized basketball court at 8,000 SF which the design has incorporated in this latest Master Plan. Additionally, the earlier Master Plan did not include office space for Teen Parent Services, currently located at Meek. This, too, has been incorporated in the current master plan at 750 SF. These modifications have brought the total SF to 87,335, an addition of 2,304 SF.

The Master Plan includes an option to add an additional 1000 SF to provide a total of 500 seats in the gym (Alliance school capacity per Resolution 5160). The current plan has 400 seats in the gym. Adding the additional 1,000 SF would bring the total proposed MPG area to 88,335 SF.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the Multiple Pathways to Graduation Master Plan, as an update to the Benson Campus Master Plan, with the additional 1,000 SF to allow for MPG all-school activities in the gym.

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*As a member of the PPS Executive Leadership Team, I have reviewed this staff report.*

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**ATTACHMENTS**

- A. Multiple Pathways to Graduation Master Plan Report with cost estimates