



What is the School Choice Enhancement Program?

The SMART Program, under the direction of the School Board of Broward County, FL (the District) and Superintendent Robert W. Runcie, has allocated \$100,000 towards School Choice Enhancement capital-related projects at each District school. The \$100,000 in funding is intended to be used to improve the condition of instructional and educational spaces at each District school.

With two successful years behind it, the **School Choice Enhancement Program (SCEP)** is now moving into its third year. SCEP has been met with great enthusiasm. The District has enjoyed the benefits of this program with the implementation of a host of exciting capital improvement projects completed or underway. The school project schedule can be viewed on individual **SMART Program Status Reports**, located at browardschools.com/web/smart-needs.

“We are so thankful for the School Choice Enhancement Program funding. We put it to good use with new media center furniture and other improvements. The students are already taking full advantage.”

**Errol Evans, Principal
Attucks Middle School**

How It Works:

SCEP projects are chosen in a collaborative effort, under the direction of the principal, the School Advisory Council (**SAC**), school staff and the school community. There are some qualifiers to be considered:

- 1 Projects must be “capital eligible,” which means the improvements are made to the physical building and/or instructional environments.
- 2 The improvements must have a life cycle greater than five years. For example, consumable items, such as art supplies, would not qualify; however, improvements to the art labs and/or computer labs would be eligible.

Selection Options:

A school can select a capital eligible project valued at \$100,000 or less to address its unfunded needs.

The school may select from frequently requested projects, such as:



Elementary and Middle schools:

playground equipment, shade structures, music or art room renovation, front office or teacher lounge renovation, morning show announcements equipment and/or TV production equipment.



High schools:

outdoor bleachers, art studio renovation, scoreboards, athletic equipment and/or golf carts.

A school can also select a unique facility or instructional need, which has been identified by its school community.

See back page for more examples.

SCHOOL CHOICE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM

Step-by-Step Process For 2016-2019 Projects

STEP 1	On behalf of the Office of Facilities and Construction (OF&C), Heery International's Project Manager visits each school to review existing conditions with school leadership and the School Advisory Council (SAC) members. The Heery International Project Manager provides SAC technical support to assist in narrowing down project options.
STEP 2	SAC narrows the list down to two options and provides it to the Heery International Project Manager for detailed scoping and budgeting.
STEP 3	The Heery International Project Manager works with school staff to determine the budget for each option to be voted on by the school community. Scope and budget approvals are obtained from OF&C, and then voting is authorized. The vote is by basic majority. The school then provides the Heery International Project Manager with the results of the school community vote.
STEP 4	The Heery International Project Manager develops the selected option, coordinates the schedule with the school and begins the procurement process.
STEP 5	The selected option is constructed and/or delivered to the school.

Project Planning Begins:

Year-3 schools - by the end of the 2016 calendar year.

Year-4 schools - by the end of the 2017 calendar year.

Year-5 schools - by the end of the 2018 calendar year.

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Who Makes The Final Decision on Each School's Project?

SCEP Voting Process (Step 3 in the Step-by-Step Process)

Once the SAC has approved two options, those projects are presented to the school community and school staff for a final selection by way of a vote. Instructions and details are as follows:

- Voters include parents/guardians (one ballot for each student), registered volunteers and school staff.

Sample ballot below.

- Ballots have either student, staff or volunteers names on them or a numbering system with a tracking list that matches the ballot number to a name.

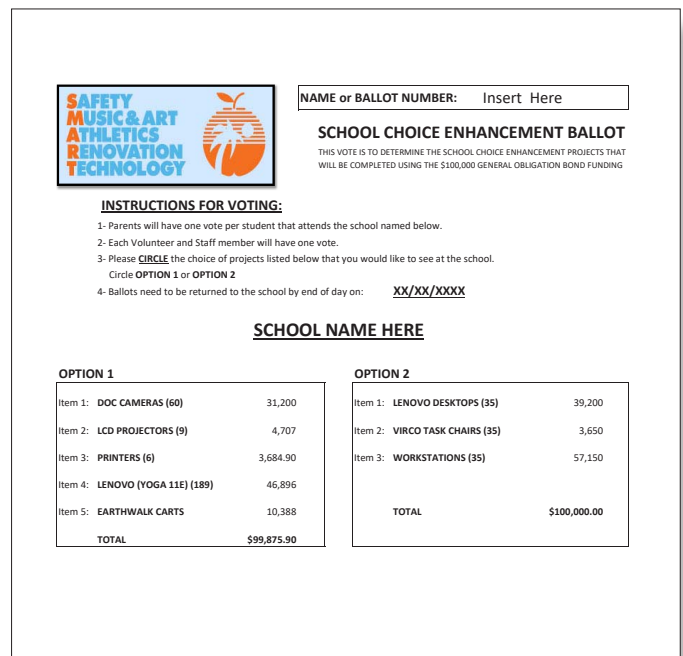
- Schools use either a paper ballot or an electronic system. Prior to sending ballots home with students and making ballots available to volunteers and school staff, the school administration will need to provide notice to all potential voters via:

- Robocall or email to parents/guardians informing them that ballots are being sent home or provided electronically. Information on the choices are provided by flyer or posted on the school's website.

- Ballots are to be returned to the school office and/or collected by classroom teachers from students for a period of no less than one week.

- The school's administration will distribute, collect and tally the votes to determine the final choice. The school forwards the results to the Heery International Project Manager for the SCEP. The school retains the ballots for its records and/or for auditing purposes.

Please note that **SCEP** projects are funded over the next 5 - 7 years as per the District's Educational Facilities Plan (DEFP). Individual SMART projects, are outlined on the **SMART Program Status Report** located at browardschools.com/web/smart-needs.



SAFETY MUSIC & ART ATHLETICS RENOVATION TECHNOLOGY

NAME or BALLOT NUMBER:

SCHOOL CHOICE ENHANCEMENT BALLOT
THIS VOTE IS TO DETERMINE THE SCHOOL CHOICE ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS THAT WILL BE COMPLETED USING THE \$100,000 GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND FUNDING

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

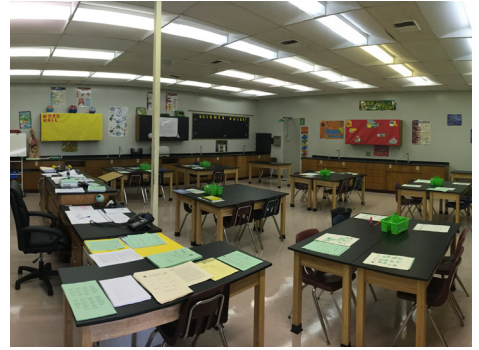
- 1- Parents will have one vote per student that attends the school named below.
- 2- Each Volunteer and Staff member will have one vote.
- 3- Please **CIRCLE** the choice of projects listed below that you would like to see at the school.
Circle **OPTION 1** or **OPTION 2**
- 4- Ballots need to be returned to the school by end of day on: XX/XX/XXXX

SCHOOL NAME HERE

OPTION 1		OPTION 2	
Item 1: DOC CAMERAS (60)	31,200	Item 1: LENOVO DESKTOPS (35)	39,200
Item 2: LCD PROJECTORS (9)	4,707	Item 2: VIRCO TASK CHAIRS (35)	3,650
Item 3: PRINTERS (6)	3,684.90	Item 3: WORKSTATIONS (35)	57,150
Item 4: LENOVO (YOGA 11E) (189)	46,896		
Item 5: EARTHWALK CARTS	10,388		
TOTAL	\$99,875.90	TOTAL	\$100,000.00

Sample Ballot

School Choice Enhancement Program - More Examples



Playground Equipment/Shades

Marquee Sign

Technology:

- Student/Teacher Laptops
- Document Cameras
- Printers
- Mimio Boards
- Earthwalk carts
- Projectors
- Poster Makers

Stage curtains

Indoor furniture:

- Chairs/Desks
- Cafeteria Tables
- Office Renovation
- Welcome Center Renovation

Televisions for Classrooms

Listening Centers

Two-Way Radios

Sound System Upgrades

Portable PA Systems

Outdoor Furniture:

- Picnic tables
- Trash receptacles

Golf Carts

Portable Scoreboards

Bulletin Boards/directory boards

Media Center Furniture

Note: All audio visual proposals must be approved by the purchasing agent and IT department, prior to procurement.