



SMART INVESTMENTS LEAD TO SMART STUDENTS.

SMART Futures January 2015 Information Update

Background

As part of the SMART Initiative, the School Board of Broward County, Florida (SBBC) and Superintendent Robert W. Runcie committed to allocating \$100,000 towards school choice enhancement (capital-related) projects at each District school. This document provides information about the school choice enhancements process.

About School Choice Enhancements Projects

School choice enhancement (\$100,000) funding will be allocated to every District school for a school-based, school-choice project to improve the condition of an instructional or educational space at the school. The District's Facilities and Construction Management Department (Facilities) is working with schools to develop and execute a project that meets each school's needs within the \$100,000 budget allocation. The year each school's project is scheduled, is available on individual School Summary pages, located at browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Needs.

What types of projects are eligible?

The School Choice Enhancement project selected by each school community must be "capital eligible." "Capital eligible" is defined as improvements to the physical building and instructional environments that have a useful life greater than 5 years. For example, art supplies are consumable and have no useful life, and, therefore, are not eligible as a capital project. However, a kiln, exhaust and a separate room would be eligible as capital projects. Another example is a photography darkroom and the required furniture, fixtures and equipment. These are eligible capital projects, but the photography materials needed to produce photos would be consumables and, therefore, are not eligible.



School Choice Enhancements Project Selection Options

1. A school can select a project from its School Summary Report that is currently not funded, totaling less than \$100,000. The list of unfunded needs for each school can be found on its School Detail report, located at browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Needs.
2. A school can choose to select frequently requested projects, such as:
 - a. Elementary and middle schools: playground equipment, shade structure, hard scape play courts, STEM lab build out, music or art room renovation.
 - b. High schools: band or choral room renovation, new outdoor bleacher seating, hardwiring spaces into a computer lab, art studio renovation, new dance studio.
3. A school can select a unique facility or instructional need, which has been identified by its school community.

About Technology Considerations

In an effort to ensure the appropriate level of infrastructure and professional development support for technology in our schools, school communities considering technology purchases for their school choice enhancement (\$100,000) project funds will require the approval of the Office of School Performance & Accountability, the Office of Academics, the Facilities Department and the Information & Technology Division. More information will be provided in late February/early March 2015 regarding the approval process.

School choice enhancement funded projects must align with the approved SMART projects, as outlined in the School Summary and/or School Detail reports, which are located on the District website at browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Needs. As a reminder, every District school is receiving technology in the initial phases of the SMART program.

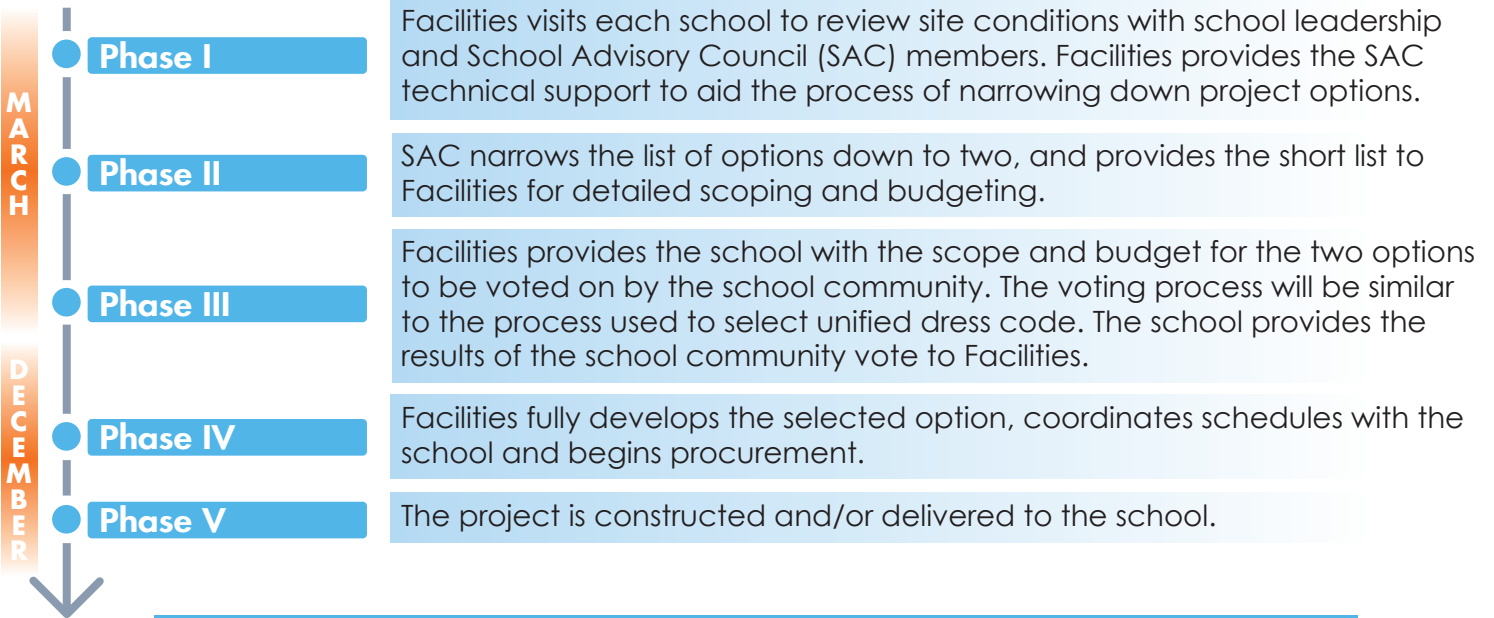


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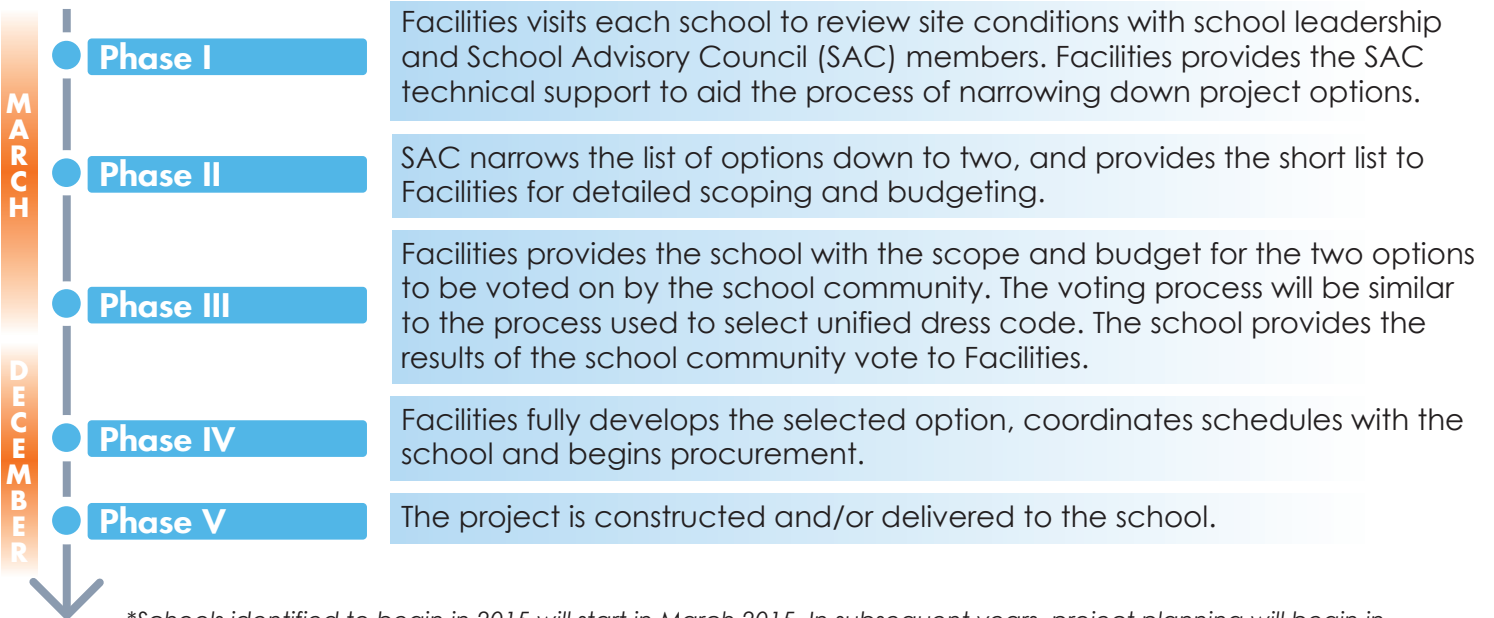
When would the school choice enhancements projects occur?

Regardless of the option/project the school selects, each school's project planning will begin in January* of the year listed on its School Summary report.

Process and Timeline for 2015* Projects



Process and Timeline for 2016-2019* Projects



*Schools identified to begin in 2015 will start in March 2015. In subsequent years, project planning will begin in January of the identified year.

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