



# SMART INVESTMENTS LEAD TO SMART STUDENTS.

## SEPTEMBER 2016 UPDATE

### MOVING FORWARD ► ON TRACK

#### SMART Facilities Update

Since the District's last update (published in August 2016), **81 new SMART projects have been initiated**, bringing the total number of SMART facilities projects to **585 in various phases of the SMART process**. This marks an investment of \$400 million as of August 31, 2016. **The SMART program remains on track to be completed within five to seven years, as originally promised.**

PHASE 1	PHASE 2	PHASE 3	PHASE 4	PHASE 5	PHASE 6
<b>PLANNING:</b> Develop and validate project scope.	<b>HIRE DESIGN TEAM:</b> Advertise and hire design team - architect/engineer	<b>DESIGN PROJECT:</b> Prepare drawings/plans for release to contractor/vendor	<b>HIRE CONTRACTOR/VENDOR:</b> Hire contractor/vendor to implement improvements	<b>IMPLEMENT IMPROVEMENTS:</b> Contractor/vendor implement improvements	<b>IMPROVEMENTS COMPLETE:</b> Inspect project for quality assurance
141 Projects \$55.53M	183 Projects \$162.35M	152 Projects \$153.75M	55 Projects \$7.96M	14 Projects \$6.69M	40 Projects \$14.08M

#### SMART Facilities Highlights:

##### Moving Forward with Design

- In August 2016, SMART projects at seven schools, with project budgets totaling over \$40 million, received School Board approval to begin the process of hiring design teams. These schools are:

Cypress Bay High School	\$13,860,000	District 6
Lloyd Estates Elementary School	\$ 2,252,000	District 3
McFatter Technical College	\$ 7,371,525	District 6
Parkway Middle School	\$ 3,166,640	District 5
Pioneer Middle School	\$ 8,298,000	District 6
Tedder Elementary School	\$ 3,188,000	District 7
West Hollywood Elementary School	\$ 2,679,000	District 1

**TOTAL \$40,815,165**



Superintendent Robert W. Runcie and Gulfstream Academy Principal Robert Pappas

##### Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 improvements Phase 1 Completed Ahead of Schedule

- Phase 1 improvements at Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 were finalized by the first day of school on August 22, 2016. A parent drop-off and pick-up loop (pictured above), temporary covered walkway, fence installation, furniture relocation and technology transfers were among several initial improvements completed ahead of the school's opening. Additional work includes single point of entry construction, a new marquee and signage, and STEM lab improvements, which are on track for completion by spring 2017.

##### SMART Projects Continue to Make Progress for Three High Schools

- In the August 2016 SMART Update, the District was excited to announce that Design Professionals were hired to begin design work on Blanche Ely High School, Northeast High School and Stranahan High School projects. This month, positive momentum continues on all three schools. The Construction Management at Risk (CMAR) delivery method chosen for these projects has enabled the District to begin soliciting contractors earlier in the process. The District received multiple competitive proposals from the construction community, and is in the process of completing negotiations with top-ranked construction management firms. Hiring the contractors at this early stage in the design process is a valuable step to ensure a seamless and faster transition from designing to implementing improvements.



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## School Choice Enhancement Projects:

▶ As part of the SMART initiative, each BCPS school receives \$100,000 in funding to improve instructional or educational spaces as identified and chosen by the school community.

A total of 110 School Choice Enhancement projects are underway. Examples of current School Choice Enhancement projects include:

- Atlantic Technical College, Arthur Ashe, Jr., campus – Collaborative workstations
- Griffin Elementary School – New laptops and document cameras
- New River Middle School – New projectors
- Pompano Beach Middle School – New collaborative workstations and benches throughout the campus.
- Rock Island Elementary School – Updated technology equipment
- Stranahan High School – Televisions and outdoor picnic benches
- West Broward High School – Athletic equipment and new projectors



Griffin Elementary School



Pompano Beach Middle School



## Mark Your Calendar

Bond Oversight Committee Meeting, November 14, 2016, Kathleen C. Wright Administration Center, Boardroom, 5:30 p.m.



## SMART Community Update

▶ Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Partner Council Meeting: Local economic development/business leaders from the partner council of the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance received an update from BCPS on SMART progress and highlights. Attendees also received details on upcoming projects and how the SMART initiative is helping to stimulate the local business environment.



Superintendent Runcie Provides SMART Update at the Greater Fort Lauderdale Alliance Partner Council Meeting

## SMART by the Numbers



**585**  
SCHOOL FACILITIES PROJECTS  
IN PROGRESS



**\$400 MILLION+**  
PROJECTS IN PROGRESS  
OR COMPLETE



**110**  
SCHOOLS HAVE SCHOOL CHOICE  
ENHANCEMENT PROJECTS UNDERWAY





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## SMART Technology Update

Students across the District are benefiting from the SMART initiative's technology upgrades. To date, the District has invested more than \$47 million in infrastructure/network equipment, new devices, wireless access points and approximately 50,000 new computer devices. "We're proud of the incredible progress we've made in the SMART Technology initiative," said Superintendent Robert W. Runcie. "We need to ensure we have modern schools with the resources and technology necessary to create 21st century learning environments and educational experiences for our students."

Since the last SMART Update, technology work has wrapped up at 11 additional schools, for a total of 105 schools now completed. For details on SMART Technology at individual schools, visit [browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Needs-it](http://browardschools.com/Web/Smart-Needs-it). Below is a list of the most recently completed schools:

- Cresthaven Elementary School (District 7)
- Cypress Elementary School (District 3)
- Griffin Elementary School (District 6)
- Gulfstream Academy of Hallandale Beach K-8 (District 1)
- Lauderhill Paul Turner Elementary School (District 5)
- Palmview Elementary School (District 7)
- Parkside Elementary School (District 4)
- Plantation High School (District 5)
- Pompano Beach Elementary School (District 7)
- Thurgood Marshall Elementary School (District 5)
- Watkins Elementary School (District 1)

## SMART Technology by the Numbers



**105**  
SCHOOLS  
COMPLETED



**50,000** (approximately)  
COMPUTER DEVICES  
INSTALLED



**39**  
SCHOOLS HAVE  
WORK IN PROGRESS  
(As of August 2016)

## SMART Shout Outs!

### Cresthaven Elementary School

► "The new SMART technology has revolutionized our core business of teaching and learning. Technology is now being infused into our instructional delivery with all of our students assigned to their own laptops. Our students are becoming true digital natives by being able to access web-based resources to accentuate their learning."

Joshua Kisten, Principal





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## Shout Outs! (Continued)

### Cypress Elementary School

- ▶ "At Cypress Elementary School, the SMART bond has provided the opportunity for the integration of technology across all levels to be done with fidelity. Teachers are using the technology as an academic tool to support and enhance the daily instruction in the classroom. Students are using their creative abilities to produce projects as evidence of their learning. The technology helps them to take charge of the own learning, and they are much more responsible and interested in what is being taught. Our students are becoming better decision-makers and they feel like they have access to the future and the opportunity to be whatever they choose."

The technology helps to support the different learning modalities, and our students are engaged and truly enjoy being in the classroom environment with all of our new technology. We love it!"

Vanessa Schnur, Principal



### Griffin Elementary School

- ▶ "The infusion of SMART technology at Griffin Elementary is transforming the way our students learn. The dramatic shift that has taken place in our classrooms is not only preparing our students for the next grade level, but it is also preparing them to be college and career ready. These tools and activities take innovation, teamwork and problem solving to the next level."

Gail Silig, Principal

### Plantation High School

- ▶ "It was a smooth process from beginning to end. As soon as we received the equipment, we were able to begin the process of distributing computers. Computers are being used for digital arts class where students focus on work that will lead them to receiving industry certification. New computer labs were also set up on campus, allowing students to utilize programs online that will enhance and enrich their curriculum throughout all disciplines. Teachers were overjoyed to receive new laptops that are helping them create digital lesson plans and increase their communication with students and stakeholders. Receiving the new technology has been a positive impact on our campus."

Alona DiPaola, Principal



For more information about the **SMART** Initiative, visit [browardschools.com/smarffutures](http://browardschools.com/smarffutures).



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