

ACTION MEMORANDUM

TO: Bibb County Board of Education
FROM: Sam Kitchens, Assistant Superintendent of Operations
SUBJECT: Fine Arts Facility Project

Summary

As part of the 2021 ESPLOST, the Board approved a referendum that included construction of a new Fine Arts Facility. This memorandum recommends the deletion of this specific project, due to district needs satisfied by other construction projects.

Background

In 2019, the Board of Education approved a referendum including specific new construction and renovation projects, including *acquiring property, constructing, and equipping a new Fine Arts Facility* to provide adequate space for high school art performances with top quality sound and lighting systems, seating and parking.

As part of the 2021 ESPLOST, new state-of-the-art auditoriums were built at Northeast, Rutland, and Westside High Schools. Central High School has undergone new lighting and sound systems and is scheduled for seating upgrades. Howard and Southwest High Schools are scheduled for renovations by 2026. The results of these renovations will provide adequate space for top level Fine Arts performances at all high schools.

Points to Consider:

The deletion of the Fine Arts project:

- Provides additional funding for planned Athletic and Renovation projects, due to continual market increases since 2020.
- Provides funding for increased technology needs, resulting from virtual learning, and reduces the burden on general funds.

- Provides for additional CTAE pathway creations, not available when ESPLOST was originally approved (Artificial Intelligence, Cyber Security, Electric Vehicle).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Bibb County Board of Education authorize the deletion of the Fine Arts Facility Project from the 2021 ESPLOST project list, due to District needs satisfied by other construction projects.

Superintendent's Comments and Approval:

Superintendent's Comments	Approve/Disapprove
Dr. Dan A. Sims	Approved