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School Board Meeting 10-17-12
Agenda Item #38

Title

FS-4 Forest Hill High School Cafeteria Project

Recommendation

I recommend the School Board approve the remodeling of Forest Hill High School Cafeteria project in an amount not to exceed \$400,000.

Description

Description: Remodel the cafeteria and serving lines at Forest Hill High School. Improvements to the serving lines will include new menu boards, decorative lighting, additional support equipment, and layout changes that will improve customer service. Improvements to the cafeteria will include Bahama shutters, shades, faux columns, signage, and televisions. Construction will begin in May 2013 and be complete prior to the students returning in August 2013.

Justification:

- School Food Service (SFS), developed a plan of action with the cooperation of the State (Office of Food, Nutrition and Wellness) and Atlantic Community High School (ACHS) to reinvent the way students perceive and receive their school meals. This plan took into consideration the meal time provided, physical facility, customer service, nutritious food offerings, and the overall dining experience. Since opening day, the High School Cafeteria Pilot Program (HSCPP) at ACHS has not only met, but exceeded the expectations of SFS.
- Increased lunch participation was one key identifier of the program's success. From FY 2011 to FY 2012 Atlantic HS saw a 23% increase in the number of lunches served. This represents an additional 170 - 190 students being fed lunch every school day as a direct result of the cafeteria modification. For the first month of the FY 2013 school year, John F. Kennedy (JFK) MS has seen a 10% increase in the number of lunches served. This represents an additional 148 students being fed lunch every school day. Since the cafeteria modification, over 90% of the students at JFK are being fed lunch every school day.
- Based on the success of the HSCPP, SFS would like to expand the program to one additional High School. After reviewing possible school sites, Forest Hill High School was selected. This was partly due to the overwhelming enthusiasm of the Principal, Mrs. Mary Stratos, and partly due to the current student participation in the lunch program of only 40%.
- SFS believes that with these modifications, students will enter a more relaxing, inviting, social, safe, and customer driven dining experience which in return should create an opportunity for student meal participation and retention. Therefore, they will look forward to this time to nutritionally recharge for improved physical and mental well-being; supporting the District's goal of improving academic performance.

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Financial Impact

The financial impact to the Special Revenue Fund - Food Service budget is not to exceed \$400,000. The source of funds is the School Food Services fund balance. This is a one-time, non-recurring expenditure.