District: Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
School Name: Blackstone-Millville Regional High School
Recommended Category: Project Scope and Budget
Date: August 19, 2026

Recommendation

That the Executive Director be authorized to enter into a Project Scope and Budget Agreement and a Project Funding Agreement with the Blackstone-Millville Regional School District (the "District") to replace the existing Blackstone-Millville Regional High School with a new facility serving students in grades 7 through 12 on the site of the existing school.

District Information	
District Name	Blackstone-Millville Regional School District
Elementary Schools	John F. Kennedy Elementary School (PK) Millville Elementary School (K-3)
Middle School	Frederick W. Hartnett Middle School (4-7)
High School	Blackstone-Millville Regional High School (8-12)
Priority School Name	Blackstone-Millville Regional High School
Type of School	High School
Grades Served	8-12
Year Opened	1970
Existing Square Footage	159,393
Additions	2014 Roof Replacement
Acreage of Site	27.1 acres
Building Issues	The District identified deficiencies in the following areas: – Mechanical systems – Electrical systems – Plumbing systems – Building Envelope – Windows – Roof – Accessibility In addition to the physical plant issues, the District reported that the existing facility does not support the delivery of its educational program.
Original Design Capacity	750 students
2025-2026 Enrollment	528 students
Agreed Upon Enrollment	580 students
Enrollment Specifics	The District and MSBA have mutually agreed upon a design enrollment of 580 students serving grades 7-12.
Total Project Budget – Debt Exclusion Anticipated	Yes

MSBA Board Votes	
Invitation to Eligibility Period	December 21, 2022
Invitation to Feasibility Study	April 24, 2024
Preferred Schematic Authorization	February 25, 2026
Project Scope & Budget Authorization	On August 26, 2026 Board agenda
Reimbursement Rate Before Incentives	59.84%
Incentive Points	1.67 – Maintenance 3.00 – Energy Efficiency – "Green Schools" [1] 1.00 – Indoor Air Quality – "Green Schools" [1]
Total Reimbursement Rate[1]	65.51%

[1] *The MSBA has provisionally included three (3) incentive points for energy efficiency, and one (1) incentive point for indoor air quality, subject to the District meeting certain sustainability requirements for the project. If the District does not meet the requirements of the Green Schools Program, the District will not qualify for some or all of these incentive points, and the MSBA will adjust the reimbursement rate accordingly.*

Consultants	
Owner's Project Manager (the "OPM")	Colliers Project Leaders NE, LLC
Designer	Drummey Rosane Anderson, Inc.

Discussion

MSBA staff reviewed the documents provided by the District and met with the District and its consultants to discuss scope and budget. The District has provided a Total Project Budget of $197,248,502, which includes an estimated construction cost of $154,262,934 ($1,017/sq. ft.). The Estimated Basis of Total Facilities Grant would be $117,697,782, which excludes the following: legal fees; OPM and Designer fees associated with excluded scope; OPM and Designer fees beyond MSBA funding limits; costs associated with the removal of fuel storage tanks; construction costs for building and site work beyond MSBA funding limits, which includes scope associated with ineligible building area; costs associated with mailing and moving; costs exceeding the $1,915 per student allowance for furniture, fixtures, and equipment; and costs exceeding the $1,570 per student allowance for computer equipment and technology. The Total Project Budget also excludes costs associated with the commissioning of ineligible building area as well as owner's and construction contingency costs.

Additionally, the proposed demolition of the Blackstone-Millville Regional High School will result in the MSBA recovering a portion of state funds previously paid to the District for the #201206220505 Accelerated Repair Roof Replacement project at the existing facility completed in November 2014. The MSBA has calculated this recovery of funds to be $284,808 and this amount has been deducted from the Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant.

Project Scope and Budget Agreement	
Enrollment: 580 students Proposed Total Square Feet: 151,647	District's Proposed Project Budget
Project Budget[1]	$180,277,579
Scope Exclusions/Ineligible Costs	-$62,579,797
Third Party Funding	$0
Estimated Basis of Total Facilities Grant	$117,697,782
Reimbursement Rate	65.51%
Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant before Cost Recovery[2]	$77,103,817

Commissioning Costs Associated with Ineligible Building Area	-$10,645
Cost Recovery Associated with Prior Projects	-$284,808
Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant[2]	$76,808,364
Owner's and Construction Contingencies	$16,970,923
Ineligible Owner's and Construction Contingencies	-$14,656,979
Potentially Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingencies	$2,313,944
Potential Additional Grant Funds for Eligible Owner's and Construction Contingency Expenditures	$1,515,865
Total Project Budget	$197,248,502
Maximum Total Facilities Grant[3,4]	$78,324,229

[1]*Does not include Owner's or Construction Contingencies.*
[2]*Does not include any grant funds for potentially eligible Owner's or Construction Contingency Expenditures; subject to MSBA review and audit.*
[3]*Includes maximum possible Owner's and Construction Contingency grant funds, the final amount of which, if any, shall be determined by the MSBA in its sole discretion. The MSBA does not anticipate that the District will expend all of its contingency funds on expenses that are eligible for MSBA reimbursement.*
[4]*Maximum Total Facilities Grant will be allocated in part to the current Grant Cap, and in part to future available Grant Cap space.*

MSBA staff recommends an Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant of $76,808,364; however, the District may be eligible for up to an additional $1,515,865 in grant funds, subject to the MSBA's review and audit of the District's owner's and construction contingency expenditures. Accordingly, staff recommends a Maximum Total Facilities Grant of $78,324,229 for the Project Scope and Budget Agreement and Project Funding Agreement to replace the existing Blackstone-Millville Regional High School and construct a new facility serving grades 7-12 on the site of the existing school.