THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
REGENTS COMMUNICATION

ACTION REQUEST

Subject: School of Education Renovation

Action Requested: Approval to Proceed with Project

Background:

The School of Education was originally constructed in 1923 as the University High School, with the Elementary School built as an addition in 1929. A renovation of approximately 8,300 gross square feet of space is planned that will improve infrastructure and renovate select areas of the building to improve functionality. Infrastructure improvements on the first and second floors will include new heating, ventilation, and air conditioning systems, new accessible toilet facilities, and a new fire alarm system for all renovated spaces. In addition, the Office of Student Affairs and Teacher Education suite will be renovated to provide a more visible and welcoming environment for students and visitors and increase staff collaboration, three existing classrooms will be renovated to provide a teaching wet laboratory and an interactive classroom with four breakout rooms, and a community lounge will be created. The scope of this project includes the architectural, mechanical, and electrical work necessary to accomplish these improvements. There will be no impact on parking from this project.

The estimated cost of the project is $13,600,000. Funding will be provided from investment proceeds. The construction cash flow may be provided, all or in part, by bond proceeds or increasing the commercial paper issuance under the commercial paper program, secured by a pledge of General Revenues, and authorized by the Board of Regents. The architectural firm of SHW Group will design the project. The project is expected to provide an average of 13 on-site construction jobs. A phased construction schedule is planned in order to minimize disruption to the academic calendar with construction to be completed in the fall of 2015.

We recommend that the Board of Regents approve the School of Education Renovation project as described, and authorize issuing the project for bids and awarding construction contracts providing that bids are within the approved budget.

Respectfully submitted,

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