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Legislative Council Panel on Education

8032ED – Conversion to Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Buddhist Po Kwong School

PURPOSE

We need to carry out conversion works at the Heung Hoi Ching Kok Lin Association Buddhist Po Kwong School, Fanling ("Po Kwong School"), to enhance and increase the learning and teaching facilities as well as to set up a new boarding section. This paper briefs Members on the proposed capital works project.

PROJECT SCOPE AND NATURE

2. The project scope involves the construction of two new annex blocks within the existing site boundary of Po Kwong School, i.e. a teaching annex and an annex to house a boarding section providing 60 new boarding places for children with moderate intellectual disability (MoID). The estimated cost of the project is \$197.6 million in money-of-the-day (MOD) prices. The proposed scope of works are as follows:

New teaching annex

- (a) five classrooms;
- (b) two special rooms;
- (c) a social worker's room;
- (d) a staff room;
- (e) a store room; and
- (f) other ancillary facilities, including an accessible/fireman's lift.

New boarding annex

- (a) bedrooms to accommodate 60 boarders and study areas;
- (b) a TV/common room;
- (c) a dining room;
- (d) a kitchen and kitchen store;
- (e) a laundry;
- (f) a drying area;
- (g) a warden's office;
- (h) a general office;
- (i) a houseparents' and programme workers' office;
- (j) a nurse's duty room / sick bay;
- (k) two sleep-in rooms for staff on night shift;
- (l) a staff locker and changing room; and
- (m) other ancillary facilities, including stores, toilets, bathrooms, an accessible/fireman's lift, and relevant facilities for the disabled.

3. The two proposed new annex blocks will meet the planning target of providing 2 m^2 of open space per student. The site plan and an artist's impression are at Enclosures 1 and 2 respectively.

JUSTIFICATION

4. The Education Bureau is implementing the New Senior Secondary ("NSS") academic structure and the improvement measures on extension of years of study at special schools. According to the NSS academic structure, all students in special schools ought to be provided with three years of senior secondary education. In addition, the Bureau has been gradually carrying out the improvement measures on extension of years of study, which involves operating additional classes at special schools. Po Kwong School needs additional facilities, including classrooms, special rooms and other related facilitates, to provide education services for its students at senior secondary level and those for extension of years of study.

5. Besides, Po Kwong School is not providing any boarding services at present. The demand for boarding places for children with MoID has been on the rise and it is projected that the shortfall in boarding places will persist. To alleviate the overall shortfall of boarding places for children with MoID, we have decided to effectively utilise the existing site area of Po Kwong School and construct an annex block to provide 60 new boarding places and associated facilities for children with MoID.

IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

6. We will follow the established mechanism to seek the support of the Public Works Subcommittee and the funding approval of the Finance Committee as soon as possible. The construction work is expected to take about 29 months.

PUBLIC CONSULTATION

7. We consulted the Social Services, Labour and Economic Affairs Committee of the North District Council on 6 March 2018 on this project. Members of the Committee supported the project.

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