DATE: October 23, 2012

TO: BOARD OF EDUCATION

FROM: S. Dallas Dance, Superintendent

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF THE BUILDING, GROUNDS, AND TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS AT BATTLE MONUMENT SCHOOL

ORIGINATOR: Kevin A. Hobbs, Deputy Superintendent

RESOURCE PERSON(S): Karen Blannard, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Schools Zone 1
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RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Education approves the proposed building, grounds, and technology projects at Battle Monument School

In accordance with Superintendent's Rule #7330, Battle Monument School is proposing the building, grounds, and technology projects at the school be approved.

Microsoft is partnering with a Washington D.C. non-profit organization, Monkee See – Monkee Do (MS-MD), as part of their annual Give Campaign and both organizations are interested in supporting the Battle Monument community, including students, their families, and school staff this year. This charitable campaign represents an endeavor in which employees are encouraged to donate time, money, and technology to the charities of their choosing, with Microsoft generously matching each employee contribution.

Pending approval, the annual Give Campaign will host a celebratory event, tentatively scheduled on October 28, 2012, from 1:00-4:00 p.m. at Battle Monument School. More than 100 representatives from Microsoft and MS-MD would like to attend the event and spend the day installing donated technology, including technology to address the movement and communication needs of students with severe and profound physical and cognitive disabilities at Battle Monument; training school staff, parents, and students on how to use the technology; and refurbishing classrooms and school grounds.