

ORANGE COUNTY
BOARD OF EDUCATION

AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

Meeting Date: May 29, 2012

AGENDA ITEM No. 12-05-(2)-10

ACTION ITEM: (Y/N) N

SUBJECT: C.W. Stanford Middle School Stormwater Project Report

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ATTACHMENTS: None.

PURPOSE: To provide the Board of Education a report on the C.W. Stanford Middle School Stormwater Project.

BACKGROUND: In 2010, Orange County Schools/C.W. Stanford Middle School was awarded a grant from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund of North Carolina for \$355,430. This funding was for an innovative Stormwater Treatment and Stormwater Reuse Project that will benefit C.W. Stanford, Orange High and ultimately the Eno River watershed. Through this project, runoff water will be cleaned, stored and reused to water the athletic fields at both schools. Students at both schools are learning interconnectedness of natural systems, the major ecological cycles and environmental stewardship.

The Board of Education enthusiastically supported the project and appropriated \$46,300 in matching funds in May, 2011. This project is now complete and a final report is being provided to the board.

FINANCIAL IMPACT: The board provided a \$46,300 appropriation from the district's capital funds. The projected irrigation savings provided by the Piedmont Conservation Council are \$131,800 annually.

RECOMMENDATION: The Superintendent recommends the Board of Education receive the report for information purposes.