



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Blount County Schools

DATE: January 23, 2026

RE: Budget Increase - Design Services for Security Vestibules

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) BCS is committed to providing a safe learning environment for all students. In recent years we have made great progress in constructing security vestibules in several schools but we still have multiple schools without secure entrances. Beginning the design work in FY26 will increase the likelihood of completing the vestibules in FY27 which is a goal for the BCS administration.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) The seven schools that will be included in the design work currently do not have a secure entrance for visitors. This means that when a visitor enters the school there is a possibility of student interaction. Security vestibules route visitors directly to the office to eliminate the risk if unwanted interaction with students.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) BCS will work with the purchasing agent to secure a contract with an architect firm specializing in secure entrances. The remainder of FY26 will be focused on getting the design work completed and approved by the State Fire Marshal with plans to execute construction in FY27.

| Budget Impact | |
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| Original Budget | \$ 0.00 |
| Amendment Impact | \$ 64,000.00 |
| Proposed Revised Budget | \$ 64,000.00 |

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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