



Blount County Budget Committee Memo

TO: Blount County Commissioners

FROM: Blount County Schools

DATE: May 21, 2026

RE: Budget Increase - To Replace the Fire Alarm System at MBES

1. Proposal (what is the new item/service being requested) Replacement of the fire alarm system at Mary Blount Elementary School. The outdated system will be replaced with a Fire-Lite system. The BCS maintenance team has been working to standardize systems as they are replaced district wide. Fire-Lite is non-proprietary which allows BCS to work with multiple maintenance vendors as the system ages.
2. Current Operations (how are operations without the request and impact if not funded) The current Faraday panel system has reached the end of its useful life and replacement parts are no longer available. This leaves MBES vulnerable should that system experience a critical failure.
3. Impact if funded (provide summary if the request is approved) BCS will coordinate with Gallaher to begin installation work during the summer months. Installation usually takes several weeks so the work will likely still be underway when the new school year begins.

Budget Impact	
Original Budget	\$ 0.00
Amendment Impact	\$ 265,500.00
Proposed Revised Budget	\$ 265,500.00

 5/26/26

Signature from Department Head/Elected (or designee)

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