

Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Mr. Michael F. Walsh
Chair, Westwood Select Board
580 High Street
Westwood, MA 02090

Re: Town of Westwood 2021 Statement of Interest Status

Dear Mr. Walsh:

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) would like to thank the Town of Westwood (the “District”) for expressing an interest in the MSBA’s program for school building construction, renovation, and repair grants through the 2021 Statement of Interest (the “SOP”) process.

Overall, the MSBA received 58 SOIs from 47 different school districts for consideration in 2021. In reviewing SOIs, the MSBA identifies the school facilities that have the greatest and most urgent need based on an assessment of the entire cohort of SOIs that are received for consideration each year.

Based upon the MSBA’s review and due diligence process, it has been determined that the William E. Sheehan SOI will not be invited into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period at this time. If the District would like this school to be considered for future collaboration with the MSBA, the District should file an SOI in an upcoming year. The MSBA began accepting SOIs for consideration in 2022 on Friday, January 28, 2022. Please see the information below regarding the process as well as on the MSBA’s website.

If the District is planning to submit an SOI in 2022, consider notifying local governing boards of your intentions, as local governing bodies will have to vote to approve submission of an SOI with the vote(s) uploaded to the SOI system, which is a new requirement for filing an SOI in 2022, which can be found in the 2022 SOI Core Program Overview, attached to this letter, prior to the following closing dates:

- The SOI closing date for districts submitting under the Accelerated Repair Program, which is primarily for the repair and/or replacement of windows, roofs, and/or boilers in an otherwise structurally sound facility, will be Friday, March 25, 2022.
- The SOI closing date for districts submitting under the Core Program, which is primarily for projects beyond the scope of Accelerated Repair, including extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovations, and new school construction will be Friday, April 29, 2022.

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2021 Core Program Statement of Interest Status Letter

The MSBA is proud to be collaborating with the Town of Westwood on the Paul Hanlon Elementary School project and remains committed to partnering with the District to better understand any other school facility issues. The MSBA sent detailed information to the Superintendent on January 19, 2022, January 27, 2022 and the morning of January 28, 2022, regarding the 2022 SOI process.

Please feel free to contact Katie DeCristofaro, Capital Program Manager at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer



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Attachment: 2022 Core Program Statement of Interest Overview

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Christopher Coleman, Westwood Town Administrator
Maya Plotkin, Chair, Westwood School Committee
Emily Parks, Superintendent, Westwood Public Schools