

Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Francis Casey, Chair,
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Re: Carver Public Schools, Carver Elementary School

Dear Mr. Casey:

I am writing in response to your letter dated November 9, 2010 to Katherine Craven, in which you have asked the Authority for guidance on how to reactivate the Town's Statement of Interest for the Carver Elementary School and the proposed project ("Project"). The MSBA is pleased to see that the Town, as evidenced by the November 8th, 2010 Town Meeting Vote, has committed to funding the schematic design phase of the Project with no guarantee of MSBA reimbursement. While we recognize this is a positive development, as stated in my letter of February 1, 2010, the Town must "demonstrate local support for funding a school project by passing a ballot question for a project with a defined scope and budget." The MSBA believes that this vote is still critical for the MSBA to resume financial participation in light of the two previously failed special election questions to fund the schematic design phase.

As also stated in the February letter, the MSBA is prepared to collaborate with the Town in developing a schematic design for the Project that can be presented to the Authority's Board. Since the Town has already received funding for the schematic design, prior to receiving positive affirmation of the Town's commitment to a "project with a defined scope and budget", the MSBA believes that the next steps for the Town should be as follows:

- 1) The Town must complete the schematic design for the preferred schematic option approved at the September 30, 2009 meeting of the MSBA Board of Directors.
- 2) If the Town chooses to consider an option different from that approved previously by the MSBA, then the Town should work with its designer to resubmit its feasibility study for a new preferred schematic solution in accordance with the MSBA's Module 3, a copy of which is available at www.MassSchoolBuildings.org.

A) Please note that costs associated with a new feasibility study would not be eligible for reimbursement by the MSBA because the MSBA already has reimbursed the Town for the feasibility study conducted in 2009.

B) If MSBA staff were to accept the newly developed preferred solution, the newly proposed preferred schematic solution would have to be approved by the MSBA Board of Directors before the Town could enter the schematic design phase.

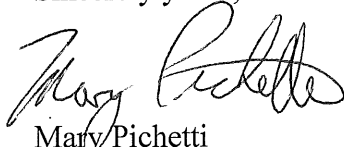
3) Upon completion of the schematic design, the MSBA will review the District's submittal and calculate a potential MSBA maximum facilities grant.

4) Staff would then present a recommendation to the MSBA Board of Directors to re-activate the Statement of Interest and approve the proposed Project and potential maximum facilities grant. This approval and the execution of a Project Scope and Budget Agreement would be contingent upon the Town successfully appropriating funds for the total Project.

5) The Town should plan to complete its schematic design and present to its voters for approval at the May 2011 Town meeting and special election ballot. If this vote were to fail, the MSBA would then vote to remove the Statement of Interest for the Carver Elementary School from the capital pipeline. The MSBA's failed vote policy would not apply in this case as the District already would have taken multiple votes.

As you know, the Feasibility Study Agreement has terminated and the MSBA's Board of Directors has approved the final, closeout audit of the feasibility study. The schematic design phase for the Project will need to be funded solely by the Town with no guarantee of MSBA reimbursement. If the Statement of Interest is successfully re-activated through a positive funding vote for an approved Project, the MSBA may consider retroactive reimbursement for eligible costs for the schematic design phase. The Town's reimbursement rate would be updated to reflect the most current data at the time of the MSBA Board of Directors' vote approving a Project Scope and Budget Agreement for the Project.

Sincerely yours,



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