

NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 14, 2016

RE: Lincoln-Eliot MSBA Statement of Interest: Vote Request and Form of Vote

Specific feedback received since the SOI was distributed on February 25, 2015 has been incorporated into the document, as follows:

1. Provide additional emphasis of high needs of Lincoln-Eliot's population of special education, English learners and low-income students (*References added to all SOI sections*)
2. Provide additional detail on crowding on Newton's north side (*Below paragraph added to the SOI*)
The district has had limited ability to mitigate the extraordinary growth of 16% sustained by Lincoln-Eliot as enrollments rose from 293 to 340 students in the past five years. Crowding in Newton's most dense area (north of the Mass Pike) is universal, with few options for shifting enrollment among schools even though buffer zones exist. The other nearby school districts on Newton's north side also have had very high growth since 2004 and are overcrowded: Horace Mann (34% growth), Burr (35% growth) and Franklin (7% growth). Just south of Lincoln-Eliot, Underwood has had 24% growth.

A vote authorizing submission of the SOI (attached) is respectfully requested and the required form of vote is provided.

Form of Vote

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on _____ prior to the closing date, the School Committee of Newton, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 8, 2016 for the Lincoln-Eliot School located at 191 Pearl Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future for: the elimination of existing severe overcrowding; replacement, the renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the Newton School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.