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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: March 13, 2014

RE: Angier Elementary School Project
Carr School Swing Space Project
Zervas Elementary School Project
Cabot Elementary School Project

This update addresses information on the Angier Elementary School project, the Carr School swing space project, the Zervas Elementary School project, and the Cabot Elementary School project.

I. Angier Elementary School Project

DiNisco Design Partnership submitted the 100% design development documents to the MSBA. Work continued throughout the past month on the construction documents and the city's Design Review Committee will review the first set of "early release" construction documents on March 13, 2014.

Due to the historic and archeological significance of the Angier School and site, a memorandum of agreement was signed on February 24, 2014 by the city, the school administration, the Newton Historic Commission (NHC) and the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The agreement requires photographic documentation of the exterior and interior of the building; the creation and prominent interior display of an interpretive exhibit of school memorabilia; opportunity for future design review by the NHC to ensure visual compatibility with neighboring historic properties, and the presence of an archaeologist during excavations of paved and other locations.

Key upcoming dates are as follows:

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| March 19, 2014 | DRC review of first set of "early release" construction documents |
| April 3, 2014 | ASBC/DRC progress update meeting |

II. Carr School Swing Space Project

Construction is proceeding on schedule. The new windows are being installed and will be complete by the end of March 2014. Installation of interior wallboard and plastering on the second floor is complete and is proceeding on schedule on the first floor. Painting on the second floor is 20% complete. Interior mechanical, electrical, plumbing and fire protection work is ongoing. The masonry veneer for the elevator addition is complete. The new elevator is on site and the installation is ongoing. The classroom light fixtures are on site and installation will

proceed once the ceilings are painted. A small group from Angier and the Education Center toured the school last week and found the progress impressive.

III. Zervas Elementary School Project

The Zervas School Building Committee (ZSBC) met for the second time on February 27, 2014. At this meeting, Joslin Lesser and Associates (JLA) reviewed the school's educational program for both interior and exterior spaces and the alternative site selection matrix criteria ratings. After discussion and consideration of the feasibility of the proposed sites, the ZSBC recommended the existing Zervas site as the best location for meeting the criteria. In addition, Design Partnership of Cambridge presented some draft test fits building configurations on the existing site. More work will be completed by the designer on building design alternatives and these will be presented at the April 3, 2014 meeting.

On March 11, 2014 the first Zervas Open Parent Forum was held at the school. Members of the School Committee, school administration, project team and ZSBC reviewed how the Zervas building project was initiated, the goals and objectives of the project, the steps taken in the process to date, including the development of the educational program and evaluation of alternate sites, and a project timeline. Members of the Zervas Community were able to ask questions and provide input as to their concerns about the size of the new school.

Key upcoming meetings:

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| April 3, 2014 | ZSBC/DRC to review design alternatives |
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For more information, including materials such as the educational program, site alternatives and selection matrix, please use the following web link:

<http://zervas.projects.joslinlesser.com/>

IV. Cabot Elementary School Project

School and city project team members met with the MSBA to discuss the design enrollment of a proposed new school. The MSBA had required the district to determine a proposed enrollment for the new school, which the district submitted as 480 students. In the design enrollment meeting, using its own independent enrollment projections, the MSBA concurred with a 480 student enrollment capacity. Consistent with a follow-up requirement of the MSBA, the School Committee voted on February 24, 2014 to approve the design enrollment of 480 students. This action was taken and a certification document was submitted to the MSBA. In addition, the city is preparing a feasibility study budget for the MSBA and, once it is received, an execution copy of the feasibility study agreement will be sent to the city for signatures. This is the final requirement before moving into the Feasibility Study phase which begins with Module 2 – Forming the Project Team.

Pending approval of these submissions by the MSBA, it is possible that the Cabot project will be on the agenda of the MSBA Board of Directors meeting on March 26, 2014 for an invitation into the feasibility phase. After a vote of the MSBA Board is received, the project will enter Module 2 and will include publishing an RFP for an owner's project manager (OPM) and selecting a designer by the MSBA's designer selection committee; after the designer is on board, the Feasibility Study will begin. The city is planning to convene a kick-off meeting for the Cabot School Building Committee in spring 2014.