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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: September 15, 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

The project is on schedule and on budget. The building has been demolished and early site work is in process. At the July 31, 2014 joint meeting of the ASBC/DRC, the ASBC approved the 90% construction documents (CDs). Joslin Lesser and Associates submitted the 90% CDs and the budget to the MSBA on August 1, 2014.

The 100% construction documents (CDs) for the Main GMP were released for bidding on September 9, 2014 and submitted to the MSBA on September 10, 2014. The filed sub-bids from the trade subcontractors are due on October 6, 2014. The draft GMP is anticipated to be submitted to the City by mid-October and executed by the end of October 2014.

Weekly construction meetings and monthly construction update meetings with the Waban Area Council continue to be held by W.T. Rich.

A link to the W.T. Rich Angier Construction Site Webcam is as follows:

<http://oxblue.com/open/Angier>

The link to the Angier School Construction website is as follows:

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

II. Carr School Swing Space Project

The transition from construction to school opening has been very successful. Moving of furnishings and organization of teaching materials that were moved in June occurred between August 15, 2014 and September 1, 2014 with significant amount of work by a broad team that included Angier staff, administrators, movers, volunteers and custodians. In addition, the transportation department conducted a lot of advance planning over the spring and summer

months that enabled the busing of more than 350 students from the Angier district to their new temporary school building. Community reaction to the quality of the renovation has been very positive and a ribbon-cutting will be held on September 16, 2014.

A link to photos of the Carr School project is as follows:

http://www3.newton.k12.ma.us/schoolcommittee/documents/linked_resources

III. Zervas Elementary School Project

A range of design studies were developed by Design Partnership of Cambridge including variations for siting the building, internal layout, parking, walking paths to the building adjacent streets, maximizing gathering space, play areas/green space and alternative locations and configurations of parent drop-off and pick-up areas. On July 31 the Zervas School Building Committee and Design Review Committee (ZSBC/DRC) reviewed these studies including preliminary elevation studies and floor plans. After discussion and comments from neighbors, the ZSBC voted to approve the schematic design on the expanded site in order to enable the architects to continue refining these concepts. After a selection process, the firm of W.T. Rich was selected as Construction Manager-at-Risk.

On August 27, 2014, the Design Review Committee met to review proposed mechanical and energy systems associated with the project. The project team also met recently with the Parks and Recreation Department to discuss concepts and suggestions for use of outdoor space.

Site acquisition discussions between the City's executive and law departments and the three abutters are in the process of being considered by the Board of Aldermen. It is anticipated that the Board of Alderman will vote on the property acquisitions on September 15, 2014. The ZSBC/DRC will meet next on October 2, 2014.

For more information, including materials such as the educational program, feasibility site options and selection matrix, please use the following link to access the project page:

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

IV. Cabot Elementary School Project

On July 7, 2014 the MSBA OPM Review Panel approved the City's selection of Joslin Lesser and Associates (JLA) as OPM for the project. JLA has assisted with the designer selection process which included developing an RFS, holding an onsite designer briefing session, and creating a matrix of selection criteria by which to evaluate proposals. JLA submitted the completed selection matrix and all proposals to the MSBA Designer Selection Panel (DSP), which includes three local members: Dori Zaleznik, Diana Fisher Gomberg and Sandy Guryan. Eight proposals were received, three of which were from firms with which the City is currently working: DiNisco Design Partnership, Design Partnership of Cambridge, and Turowski2 Architecture. On September 9, 2014 MSBA's DSP met and reviewed all of the designer proposals, selecting three for interviews with the DSP on September 23, 2014. The firms are: DiNisco Design Partnership, Tappe Associates and Design Partnership of Cambridge. The feasibility study will begin after the designer contract is executed.