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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

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DATE: April 22, 2013

RE: Angier Elementary School Project
Carr School Swing Space Project
Day Middle School Construction Project
Elementary Modular Project
Security Access Project

This update addresses information on the Angier Elementary School project, the Carr School swing space project, the Day Middle School construction project, the elementary modular project, and the security access project.

I. Angier Elementary School Project:

On April 3, 2013 the MSBA Board of Directors approved the preferred schematic design to replace the existing school with new construction on the existing site and to proceed into the schematic design phase. During the months of April and May, DiNisco Design Partnership (DDP) will submitting 50% design and site plan documents for review by the project team, the City's DRT (internal staff design review team), the Design Review Committee and Angier School Building Committee. The schedule for completion of schematic design is mid-June 2013. Next steps will include preparing for a scope and budget submittal to the MSBA in early August 2013. This package will include a final schematic design as well as cost estimates. The project team will present the final schematic design at a joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee on June 3, 2013. Concurrent with the submittal of the final schematic design and cost estimates to the MSBA, site plans and cost estimates will proceed through the City's Board of Aldermen for funding approval and site plan approval.

On March 27, 2013 the City received nine qualification packages from construction management firms wishing to submit proposals for the construction manager-at-risk contract for the project. A prequalification and selection committee consisting of city/school representatives have read the proposals and met on April 11, 2013 to discuss bidder prequalification. They have invited six firms to submit separate work and cost proposals. Interviews of these firms will be held on May 10, 2013.

In compliance with state regulations for historic buildings, the City submitted a Project Notification Form to the Massachusetts Historic Commission (MHC) on February 21, 2013 requesting MHC review of the preferred option to demolish and replace the existing building on

the same site. The City received a letter of response dated March 19, 2013 requesting additional information including photographs of the school property and adjacent properties, alternatives studied and comments from the Newton Historical Commission. The project team is obtaining assistance from the City's Planning Department in photographing the building interior and exterior for this purpose. Assistance is also being provided by Angier community volunteers who have been working with Principal Loreta Lamberti to create an historic exhibit at the new school. The project team and volunteers will be meeting with NHC at their April 25, 2013 meeting.

II. Carr School Swing Space Project:

The Design Review Committee reviewed the final construction documents and specifications on March 27, 2013. Hearings are being scheduled by June 2013 so that construction may begin by July 1, 2013. Traffic plans are still being developed and this information will become available to Angier parents and Carr neighborhood residents later this year.

The City received over one hundred prequalification packages from general contractors and subcontractors on April 4, 2013. An Invitation to Bid will be issued on April 25, 2013 to those who receive prequalification. Bids will be due on May 14, 2013 for subcontractors and May 24, 2013 for general contractors.

III. Day Middle School Construction Project:

Construction continues to progress on schedule. Installation of windows and the brick exterior facade is in process in the administration addition. Considerable progress has been made on installation of mechanical systems in both the administration and classroom additions. Framing of interior partitions is complete in the administration area and is approximately 80% complete on the first and second floors of the classroom addition area. The exterior walls of the new third floor is awaiting the completion of additional steel beams and bar joists to provide adequate structural support for the new roof.

Coordination of schedules for purchase, delivery and installation of furnishing is on-going. Sprinkler work will begin as soon as the school closes for summer vacation. Weekly meetings are held to ensure smooth coordination of construction work with other summer projects for the building. The Day administration will be temporarily moving back to the Central High annex at the Education Center during the summer.

Please follow the link below to view updated photographs of the construction project:

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

IV. Elementary Modular Project:

On April 3, 2013, the Public Facilities Committee held a public hearing on the proposed modular classrooms at Bowen, Burr, Horace Mann and Mason-Rice. The committee approved the site plans and the bid was released on April 11, 2013. There were five modular contractors at the pre-bid site visits on April 16, 2013. The bid submission deadline is April 25, 2013. The project will be reviewed by the Board of Aldermen's Public Facilities Committee on April 25, 2013 and the Finance Committee on April 29, 2013. A Board vote for funding approval will occur on May 5, 2013. Pending approval, the contract will be executed on May 28, 2013 upon conclusion of the required 20-day funding waiting period.

VI. Safety and Security Project:

Electrical and door work which began on April 1, 2013 is complete in eleven buildings. The anticipated completion date for electrical and door work, including door replacements, in all 21 buildings is April 26, 2013. Installation of security components, including card access readers and Aiphone devices at entrances, are 50% complete. All components will be installed by middle or end of May 2013.