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Memorandum

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School Committee

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RE: Angier Elementary School Project
Carr School Swing Space Project
Day Middle School Construction Project
Elementary Modular Project
Security Project
Zervas Elementary School 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, the security project and the Zervas Elementary School project.

I. Angier Elementary School Project:

On July 11, 2013, the Angier Working Group met to review the draft 100% schematic design drawings and the draft project budget summary for the schematic design phase. These documents will be reviewed by the School Committee and the Board of Aldermen at their joint meeting on July 15, 2013 and voted upon by the Angier School Building Committee/Design Review Committee on July 18, 2013. The project team worked collaboratively with two independent cost estimators to prepare the draft project budget summary. Once approved by the ASBC/DRC, a schematic design package will be finalized for submission to the MSBA.

The following are upcoming key meetings for the Schematic Design (SD) Phase:

July 18, 2013:	DRC site review and ASBC/DRC meeting to vote on the 100% SD
July 25, 2013:	Submit cost estimate to MSBA
August 8, 2013:	Submit SD package to MSBA

The focus of the schedule is to have the Angier project on the MSBA's October 2, 2013 Board of Director's meeting agenda for a vote to approve the project scope and budget agreement. The MSBA and City processes run concurrently with the Board of Aldermen taking a final vote on the project approval and funding after the MSBA vote. As a result, public hearings and meetings of the Board of Aldermen will take place during the month of September 2013.

II. Carr School Swing Space Project:

On June 24, 2013, the City's project manager toured the building with teachers and the principal from the Angier School to give them highlights of the construction project. The staff was appreciative of the opportunity to see their temporary school, classrooms and overall site.

On July 1, 2013 a pre-construction meeting was held that included the project design/management team, the general contractor and the subcontractors to review the project and schedules. Construction began on July 8, 2013 with demolition which will be phased over the summer of 2013. In addition to demolition and abatement, other priorities at this time are finalizing the design of structural elements for the new elevator and creating shop drawings for the new windows. Weekly construction meetings are being held to review progress and scheduling.

III. Day Middle School Construction Project:

The project is on schedule and is progressing smoothly with coordination between the Public Buildings Department and the Operations Department to manage both the construction project and the summer projects including the installation of new auditorium seats and refinishing the gym floor. The administration and classroom additions will be completed in two and three weeks, respectively.

Installation of sprinklers and fire alarms is underway and is also on schedule. Significant exterior site work has begun including the handicap access ramp and stairs at the main entrance. Over the summer there will be grading, paving and curbing to prepare the site for the opening of the school year. Purchase orders for furnishings and technology have been submitted and schedules for delivery will be on-going through the summer.

Please follow the link below to view updated exterior photographs of the construction project; however, due to extensive interior sprinkler work currently underway, interior photographs could not be taken:

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

IV. Elementary Modular Project:

Construction began on July 2, 2013. Site preparation is underway at all four schools (Bowen, Burr, Horace Mann and Mason-Rice. Foundation work will begin at Horace Mann on July 15, 2013. The current focus is on ensuring proper connections of electrical and gas services and sewer lines, as appropriate, at each building. The installation of sprinklers has begun at Mason-Rice. On July 16, 2013, a quality control manager from Triumph will be inspecting the modulars at the factory to be sure that production is on schedule. Weekly construction meetings are being held.

V. Security Project:

Installation of video and access control equipment is complete at all schools and photo ID badges have been issued to all employees at the elementary and secondary level. A photo session is being planned for the last week in August for new employees or those who may have been absent during the prior sessions. Additional Aiphone video/audio devices have been ordered to so that more main office staff will have the ability to open the doors efficiently for visitors.

VI. Zervas Elementary School Project:

On July 10, 2013, the Finance and Public Facilities Committees approved the Mayor's request for bonding \$1,000,000 for the purpose of conducting the feasibility/environmental studies and associated schematic design services for the renovation or replacement of the Zervas Elementary School. The discussion addressed the fact that specifications are being completed for the RFP for Owner's Project Manager, and that the scope of feasibility work will include exploration and review of various options for the project including renovation, replacement and alternate site location(s). On July 15, 2013 the Board's Programs and Services Committee will meet as a committee of the whole to review the request, followed that evening by a special meeting of the full Board of Aldermen to take up the item.