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Memorandum

TO: David Fleishman, Superintendent
School Committee

FROM: Sandra Guryan, Deputy Superintendent/Chief Administrative Officer

DATE: December 9, 2013

RE: Angier Elementary School Project
Carr School Swing Space Project
Zervas Elementary School Project
Cabot Elementary School MSBA Site Study

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 Angier project is in the 50% design development (DD) phase. Joslin Lesser and Associates (JLA) has been coordinating weekly design development meetings between DiNisco Design Partnership (DDP) and appropriate school and city staff. JLA and DDP also provided updates for the Design Review Committee at their November 20, 2013 meeting and for the joint meeting of the Board of Aldermen and the School Committee on December 4, 2013. The following are key dates regarding next steps in the Angier design development process:

December 12, 2013	ASBC/DRC review of 50% DD
January 28, 2014	Informational community meeting regarding the move to Carr School
January 30, 2014	ASBC/DRC review and vote on 100% DD
February 3, 2014	School Committee/Board of Aldermen 100% DD Presentation
February 10, 2014	100% Design Development submittal to MSBA

A link to the presentation given to the Board of Aldermen and School Committee on December 4, 2013 is as follows:

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

II. Carr School Swing Space Project

Construction is proceeding on schedule. Interior framing is complete and installation of interior walls is in process. HVAC, ductwork, electrical and plumbing are ongoing. The new roof on the main building and the roof on the 1966 addition are complete. Installation of the roof on the kindergarten is approaching completion. The masonry at the elevator addition is scheduled to begin on December 23, 2013, and the installation of the elevator cab is on schedule to begin on

February 21, 2014. The building exterior veneer on the kindergarten addition will continue throughout December. The new windows are scheduled to be delivered on December 23, 2013.

III. Zervas Elementary School Project

The City's Designer Selection Committee (DSC) met on November 21 and 22, 2013 to review the proposals received from nine design firms. They discussed the relative merits of each proposal including whether the firms had the current capacity and appropriate experience to succeed on the Zervas project. Based on their analysis, the DSC began conducting interviews on December 4, 2013 and will be making recommendations to the Mayor. As soon as the designer is hired, the project team, including Joslin Lesser and Associates, will begin the Zervas feasibility study and options analysis. The Working Group has recommended the Construction Manager-at-Risk delivery method for this project; this information was presented to the Board of Aldermen on December 4, 2013. Due to the fact that Zervas is more than 50 years of age, a property review application was submitted to the Newton Historical Commission. The Commission met on November 26, 2013 and determined that the building is preferably preserved and imposed a one year demolition delay for any alterations and/or demolition, as they did for the Angier Elementary School project.

IV. Cabot Elementary School Project

On November 20, 2013, the MSBA Board of Directors invited the Cabot Elementary School into its 270-day Eligibility Period which began on December 4, 2013. The Eligibility Period formalizes and streamlines the beginning of the MSBA's grant approval process. During the Eligibility Period, the MSBA will work with Newton to determine the district's financial and community readiness to enter the capital pipeline. The next step is for the district to complete preliminary requirements pertaining to local approval, formation of a school building committee, enrollment projections, and maintenance/capital planning information. Timely and successful completion of these requirements will allow the City to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to the Feasibility Study phase. On November 25, 2013, the Mayor asked the Board of Aldermen to consider a request to authorize the appropriation of \$1,000,000 from bonded indebtedness for the purpose of funding the feasibility study and associated schematic design services for the renovation and/or replacement of the Cabot School. On December 4, 2013, the Board's Public Facilities and Programs and Services Committees met jointly to review the request and voted to approve the funding appropriation. The Finance Committee will review the request at their December 9, 2013 meeting. It is anticipated that the full Board of Aldermen will vote on the appropriation request on December 16, 2013.

City and school staff has begun to prepare various required materials for submission. Although the MSBA allows a total of 270 days for this period, Newton's goal will be to submit these materials in a shorter timeframe to become eligible for an invitation into the feasibility study phase.

The link to the MSBA's letter to the Mayor regarding the invitation to the Eligibility Period, including the schedule of deliverables is as follows:

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

Please note that the MSBA website has a great amount of information on the process for school construction and renovation projects. To access this and to review the MSBA modules, go to:

<http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building>