

Massachusetts School Building Authority

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November 20, 2013



The Honorable Setti D. Warren, Mayor
City of Newton
1000 Commonwealth Avenue
Newton, MA 02459

Re: City of Newton, Cabot Elementary School

Dear Mayor Warren:

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") Board of Directors voted to invite the Statement of Interest (the "SOI") for the Cabot Elementary School in the City of Newton (the "City") into the MSBA's Eligibility Period.

The 270-day Eligibility Period formalizes and streamlines the beginning of the MSBA's grant approval process and benefits the City by providing a definitive schedule for the completion of preliminary requirements, assisting with the determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of all activities in the Eligibility Period will allow the City to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to Feasibility Study.

Invitation into the Eligibility Period is *not* an invitation to Feasibility Study. Moving forward in the MSBA's process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and an invitation to Feasibility Study will require a further vote of the MSBA Board of Directors. Communities that "get ahead" of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA's statute and regulations, which require MSBA collaboration and approval at each step of the process.

The City's Eligibility Period will commence on December 4, 2013 and conclude on September 2, 2014. During this time, the City must complete the preliminary requirements in accordance with the schedule on Attachment A. The first item that requires completion by the City is the Initial Compliance Certification, which is attached to this letter.

The ability of the City to complete the preliminary requirements within the 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. Further, if the City cannot complete the preliminary requirements within the 270-day Eligibility Period, the MSBA will require the City to withdraw its SOI, and the City will have to re-file an SOI during

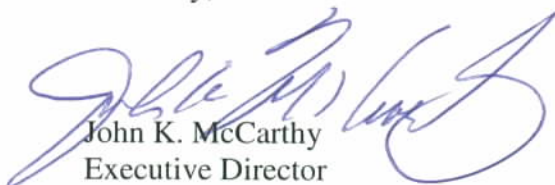
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the next open SOI filing period and/or when the City has the required financial and community support.

If the City has concerns about meeting any of the deadlines set forth in Attachment A, please notify the MSBA in writing by December 4, 2013. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the Eligibility Period, please refer to our website (<http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/prerequisites>) and/or contact Kevin Bossart at the MSBA (Kevin.Bossart@MassSchoolBuildings.org).

I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the MSBA's grant program process. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

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Eligibility Period
 Schedule of Deliverables

City of Newton
 Cabot Elementary School

MSBA Board of Director Meeting – November 20, 2013

Eligibility Period Commences – December 4, 2013		
MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
Deliverable	Days	Due Date and Status
Initial Compliance Certification	30	January 3, 2014 Required
School Building Committee	60	February 3, 2014 Required
Enrollment/On-Line Projection	90	March 4, 2014 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	June 2, 2014 Required
Enrollment/Certification Executed	180	June 2, 2014 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	September 2, 2014 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	September 2, 2014 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes – September 2, 2014		

Note: If the District has concerns about meeting any of the following deadlines, please let the MSBA know by December 4, 2013. The MSBA will require Districts that are unable to complete the preliminary requirements within the timeframes noted for each to withdraw its SOI and reapply when the District has the financial and community support required.