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January 25, 2017

Mr. Joseph Lopes, Council President
New Bedford City Council
133 William Street, Room 215
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes:

I am asking for your support on a vote to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) on behalf of New Bedford Public Schools for an Accelerated Repair Project (ARP) for the Elizabeth Brooks Elementary School, located at 212 Nemasquet Street.

This SOI is for replacement of windows, doors, and boilers at the Elizabeth Brooks Elementary School. The current estimate for this work is \$1,200,000, for which the MSBA reimbursement will be approximately 80%, less code remediation and ADA compliance costs. The FY 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program includes funding for the City's share of the ARP program.

The SOI application for the Accelerated Repair Program is due on Friday, February 17, 2017. I believe the Mayor's office will include this request in Mayor's Papers for the City Council's February 9th meeting. I would appreciate a waiver of Rule 40 so that the necessary paperwork can be completed in advance of the deadline.

The SOI application itself incurs no financial obligation on the part of the City. However, if the MSBA Board votes to allow this project to proceed, then would anticipate a request for appropriation during the first half of FY 2018.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barry Rabinovitch
Business Office
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