

June 1, 2017

City Council President Joseph P. Lopes, and Honorable Members of the City Council 133 William Street New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Council President Lopes and Honorable Members of the City Council:

I am submitting for your approval a LOAN ORDER in the amount of \$100,000.00 to pay costs of a schematic design/feasibility study as required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority with respect to the proposed accelerated repairs to the Elizabeth Brooks School.

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Mayor

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 2017

A BOND ORDER TO PAY COSTS OF A SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASIBILITY STUDY AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE ELIZABETH BROOKS SCHOOL

BE IT ORDERED, BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEW BEDFORD AS FOLLOWS:

That the City appropriates the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of paying costs of a schematic design/feasibility study for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of the potential replacement of the windows, doors, and boiler (partial), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), at the Elizabeth Brooks School, located at 212 Nemasket Street in New Bedford, and for which study the City may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee. To meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum of money, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

FURTHER ORDERED: That any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

FURTHER ORDERED: That the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City authorized by this Order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.



PIA DURKIN, Ph.D. SUPERINTENDENT

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MEMORANDUM

To:

Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell

From:

Superintendent Dr. Pia Durkin

Date:

May 31, 2017

Subject:

Request consideration of an appropriation order to fund a Schematic Design

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Study at the Elizabeth Brooks Elementary School

On May 12, 2017, the Massachusetts School Building Authority voted to invite the City of New Bedford into the Accelerated Repair Program to partner with the MSBA in conducting a Schematic Design Study at the Elizabeth Brooks Elementary School for a potential window, door, and partial boiler replacement project. The scope of work for this project includes:

- Replacement of Windows and Doors
- Boiler Replacement

The total cost for the Feasibility and Schematic Design of this project is not to exceed \$100,000.

MSBA will reimburse the City for 79.56% of the total, resulting in a net local commitment of \$20,420. Funding for ARP projects was anticipated in the FY 2017-2021 Capital Improvement Program, which includes a \$1.2 million local commitment toward school renovations and replacements.

The MSBA is requiring the City to approve funding for the study by July 11, 2017. We would therefore respectfully request that the inclusion of a loan order in the Mayor's Papers for the June 8, 2017, City Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.