



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

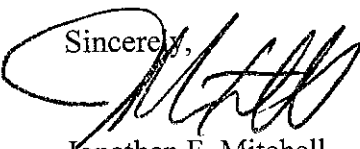
July 12, 2018

City Council President Linda M. Morad, and
Honorable Members of the City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

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

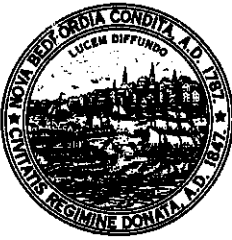
I am submitting for your approval a LOAN ORDER in the amount of \$100,000.00 to pay costs of schematic designs/feasibility studies as required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority with respect to the proposed accelerated repairs to the John Avery Parker Elementary School and the Trinity Day Academy.

Sincerely,



Jonathan F. Mitchell
Mayor

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

CITY COUNCIL

July 19, 2018

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR SCHEMATIC DESIGN/FEASIBILITY STUDIES AS REQUIRED BY THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED ACCELERATED REPAIRS TO THE JOHN AVERY PARKER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND TRINITY DAY ACADEMY.

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

That the City appropriate the amount of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) for the purpose of paying costs of schematic design/feasibility studies for the proposed accelerated repairs consisting of a roof replacement project at the John Avery Parker Elementary School and a boiler replacement project at the Trinity Day Academy, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Projects"); which proposed repair projects will materially extend the useful life of the schools and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational program, and for a portion of which the City has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Committee; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor and the Committee on Finance is authorized to borrow such amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Chapter 70B, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; that 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 that may be received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; provided further that any grant that City of New Bedford may receive from the MSBA for the eligible portion of the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) eighty percent (80%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and provided that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this order shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City and the MSBA.

Further, that the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the Municipal Finance Oversight Board to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any or all the bonds and to provide such information and execute such documents as the Municipal Finance Oversight Board may require for these purposes.

Further, that any premium received by the City upon the sale of any bonds or notes hereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; and that the Mayor is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project.



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*"We are committed to developing a community of learners who
are academically proficient, demonstrate strong character and
exhibit self-confidence."*

MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Jonathan F. Mitchell
From: Andrew O'Leary, Business Manager
Date: July 3, 2018
Subject: Request consideration of an appropriation orders to fund Schematic Design Studies at the John Avery Parker Elementary School and Trinity Day Academy

On Thursday, January 25, 2018, the City Council approved the submission of two Statements of Interest for Accelerated Repair Projects for the John Avery Parker Elementary School and the Trinity Day Academy.

On June 27, 2018, 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 for the following potential projects:

- Roof replacement project at the John Avery Parker Elementary School
- Boiler replacement project at Trinity Day Academy

The total Cost for a Schematic Design Study will not exceed \$50,000 per project, or \$100,000 total. The MSBA will reimburse the City for 79.56% of the total resulting in a net commitment of \$20,420. Funding for ARP projects was anticipated in the FY 2018 – 2022 Capital Improvement Program. FY 2019 includes \$252,000 towards the local commitment for MSBA-funded Accelerated Repair projects.

The MSBA is requiring the City approve funding for this study prior to September 27, 2018. We would therefore respectfully request the inclusion of a loan order in the Mayor's Papers for the July 19, 2018, City Council meeting.

Thank you for your consideration.

Massachusetts School Building Authority

Deborah B. Goldberg
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James A. MacDonald
Chief Executive Officer

John K. McCarthy
Executive Director / Deputy CEO

June 27, 2018

The Honorable Jonathan F. Mitchell, Mayor
City of New Bedford
New Bedford City Hall
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Re: City of New Bedford, John Avery Parker Elementary School, Trinity Day Academy

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

I am pleased to report that on June 27, 2018, the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") voted to invite the City of New Bedford (the "City") into the Accelerated Repair Program to partner with the MSBA in conducting a Schematic Design Study at the John Avery Parker Elementary School for a potential roof replacement project and at the Trinity Day Academy for a potential boiler replacement project.

I do want to emphasize that this invitation to partner on a Schematic Design Study is *not* approval of a project, but is strictly an invitation to the City to work with the MSBA to explore potential solutions to the building needs that have been identified. Moving forward in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program process requires a partnership with the MSBA, and 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, regulations, and policies, including the Accelerated Repair Program requirements, which require MSBA partnership and approval at each step of the process.

The Accelerated Repair Program will focus on the preservation of existing assets by performing energy-efficient and cost-saving upgrades, which will result in direct operational savings for school districts. Districts that are invited into the Accelerated Repair Program will be required to use Owner's Project Managers and Designers who are pre-selected and randomly assigned by the MSBA and must also adhere to other requirements that are unique to this program, such as implementing an accelerated project schedule and complying with the MSBA's reimbursement dollar thresholds. Districts will be expected to complete a Schematic Design Study and receive authorization for a Project Funding Agreement by the Board of Directors no later than 12 months from Program invitation. Districts seeking reimbursement under the Accelerated Repair Program will be allowed to submit requests for reimbursement monthly, but only if the total value of the invoices being submitted equals more than \$50,000.

June 27, 2018

New Bedford Invitation to Accelerated Repair Program Board Action Letter

During the Schematic Design Study phase, the MSBA will partner with the City and its assigned Owner's Project Manager and Designer to find the most fiscally responsible, educationally appropriate and sustainable solution to the building needs identified at the John Avery Parker Elementary School and at the Trinity Day Academy. The City must complete a number of pre-requisites prior to beginning work with its consultants. Please submit the following information to the MSBA by no later than the date listed below in order to fulfill these pre-requisites:

- A current routine and capital maintenance plan for the City's school facilities, to be submitted electronically using the MSBA web-based tool (submit prior to September 27, 2018); and,
- An Initial Compliance Certification (attachment to this letter) executed by the City to ensure that the City understands and will comply with the MSBA's requirements and regulations (submit prior to September 27, 2018).

The City must approve funding for the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design portion of this potential project within 60 calendar days of the date of invitation into the Accelerated Repair Program (August 27, 2018). Submission of the properly certified documentation that the City has appropriated its funding should be submitted to the MSBA prior to September 27, 2018. Future funding for the total project budget will be required within 90 days after the date of the MSBA's approval of the project scope and budget.

Once the City has completed the pre-requisites listed above according to the MSBA's standards, the MSBA will assign an Owner's Project Manager and Designer using the MSBA's list of pre-selected and randomly assigned consultants for the Accelerated Repair Program. In the meantime, I wanted to share with you the Board's decision and provide a brief overview of what this means for the City of New Bedford.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as part of the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program. 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

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Linda M. Morad, President, New Bedford City Council
Bruce J. Oliveira, Vice Chair, New Bedford School Committee
Dr. Pia Durkin, Superintendent, New Bedford Public Schools
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