



CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
JONATHAN F. MITCHELL, MAYOR

July 8, 2021

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 to authorize the borrowing of funds to pay costs of the feasibility study for building a new elementary school to replace the John B. DeValles Elementary School and the James B. Congdon Elementary School.

I have attached correspondence from Superintendent of Schools Thomas Anderson regarding this project.

Sincerely,

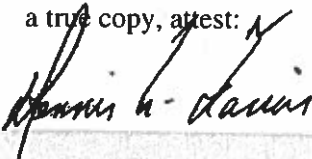

Jon Mitchell
Mayor

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

IN CITY COUNCIL, July 15, 2021

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

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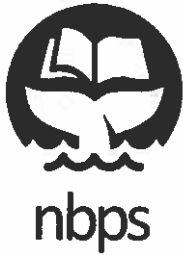


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THOMAS ANDERSON
SUPERINTENDENT

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July 7, 2021

Mayor Jonathan Mitchell
City of New Bedford
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Mayor Mitchell,

On April 14, 2021, the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) voted to invite the City of New Bedford into the Eligibility Period to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting feasibility studies at the John B. DeValles Elementary School, 120 Katherine Street and the James B. Congdon Elementary School, 50 Hemlock Street for a potential school replacement project. We are requesting that the City Council vote on an appropriation for this feasibility study at the schools for a potential school replacement project.

The total cost for the Feasibility and Schematic Design of this project is not to exceed \$1,200,000. The funding for this Schematic Design and Feasibility Study for a potential consolidation and replacement project will be reimbursed at our rate of 79.58%. The City must approve funding for the Schematic Design and Feasibility Study before the MSBA board meeting which is scheduled for October 27, 2021. Funding for the \$1,200,000 will come from the cities FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program. The FY 2021-2025 Capital Improvement Program states, **School Renovations & Replacement** Projects in this category represents major capital improvement needs for the School Department. The City makes use of construction grants from the MSBA when available. The costs reflected in the CIP represent the amounts to be locally financed. Under Core Projects between FY 2022 and 2025 there is a budgeted amount of \$52,000,000, which covers the Cities portion for the two core projects.

Sincerely,

Thomas Anderson
Superintendent

Enclosed
BR/sah

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