



# City of New Bedford

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Planning Board  
Chairperson Arthur Glassman  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Reference: Planning Board Meeting Agenda of May 10, 2023  
Case 22-15 – NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc.

Dear Chairperson Glassman and Members of the Planning Board:

I am writing in reference to the above referenced agenda item which is to be heard by the Planning Board on Wednesday, May 10, 2023. Unfortunately I am unable to attend the meeting due to a prior commitment scheduled for the same date. I would however like to offer my support for Case 22-15 which requests a one year extension of a Special Permit for a reduction in parking. The Special Permit was previously granted by the Planning Board in April 2022 and pertains to the proposed construction of the new child care facility and administrative offices planned by NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc.

For several years the organization has been planning the relocation and expansion of their current facility in the south end of the City. The plans originally submitted for your consideration regarding this project and this Special Permit request remain unchanged. However NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc., a non-profit organization, requires additional time to finalize negotiations with contractors and continue the financial planning to support the cost of the proposed project. I continue to strongly support NorthStar Learning Centers, Inc. in this endeavor and ask you to grant the requested Special Permit extension.

Kindly read this letter into the record of the Planning Board meeting to make those in attendance and the general public aware of my support of Case 22-15. Thank you in advance for your attention to this correspondence and for your favorable consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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Councillor At Large

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