
TO: School Committee
FROM: Nathan Kuder, Chief Financial Officer
DATE: May 21, 2021
RE: Massachusetts School Building Authority Statements of Interest and Carter School Grade Reconfiguration

In collaboration with the City of Boston Public Facilities Department, the Boston Public Schools, has prepared three agenda items for the Boston School Committee votes.

1. 2021 MSBA Statements of Interest project submission for Accelerated Repair Projects (ARP)
2. 2021 MSBA Statements of Interest project submission for Core project
3. Carter School Grade Reconfiguration

Accelerated Repair Program (ARP)

ARP Projects address the repair or replacement of roofs, windows/doors, and boilers in an otherwise structurally sound facility. The MSBA requirements for submission of projects are that boilers and windows be minimum of 35 years old, and roofs be a minimum of 30 years old. The following buildings fall within the guidelines for ARP. To date, the BPS and PFD have partnered with the MSBA to complete 27 projects. There are currently three projects in construction and another two that are in the beginning stages of design.

Boiler Projects

- Russell Elementary in Dorchester
- Henderson Upper (Wilson Building) in Dorchester

Windows & Doors Projects

- Hernandez K8* in Jamaica Plain
- Boston Day & Evening Academy (Wheatley Building)* in Roxbury

*previously submitted to MSBA 2020

Core Program

Projects address extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovations, and new school construction.

The Core project is in alignment with BuildBPS planning to build a new state-of-the-art building to meet the specialized programmatic needs of the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This school is presently housed in the Jackson Mann Building in Allston which has been identified for closure at the end of SY21-22.

Each year districts are required to submit one project as their priority. This year, the BPS has indicated that the Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be the priority for 2021.



Authorizations and Approvals

All MSBA Statements of Interest are required to be presented to and voted on by both the City Council and the Boston School Committee.

The City Council's Ways & Means Committee held a hearing on Friday, May 21, 2021. The vote is expected to take place on Wednesday, May 26th at the Council's weekly meeting.

The Boston School Committee was presented with these proposed projects as part of the Capital Budget presentation on Wednesday, May 12th, with a vote scheduled to take place on Wednesday, May 26th.

All votes and documentation from these activities are to be provided as part of the submission to the MSBA.

Requested Votes for MSBA-Related projects:

MSBA Accelerated Repair Projects Vote

Having convened in an open meeting on, or before June 1, 2021, the School Committee of the City of Boston in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the following Statement of Interest forms dated on, or before June 1, 2021, for the following schools:

School	Address	City	State	Scope
Russell, William E.	750 Columbia Road	Dorchester	MA	Boilers
Henderson Upper (Wilson Bldg.)	18 Croftland Avenue	Dorchester	MA	Boilers
Hernandez, Rafael	61 School Street	Jamaica Plain	MA	Windows & Doors
Boston Day & Evening Academy (Wheatley Bldg.)	20 Kearsarge Avenue	Roxbury	MA	Windows & Doors

The Statement of Interest for the facilities listed above describe and explain boiler, window, and door deficiencies submitted under Priority #5 that includes: replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility.

The School Committee further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest forms, the MSBA in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building



Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

MSBA Core Project Vote

Having convened in an open meeting prior to June 25, 2021 the School Committee of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated on, or before June 25, 2021 for The Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, located at 40 Armington Street, Boston, MA.

The Statement of Interest for the facility listed above describes and explains deficiencies submitted under Priority #5 Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and Priority # 7 Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

The School Committee hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Carter School Grade Reconfiguration

As background, the Carter School is in the design phase of a core project with the MSBA. The Carter School provides educational services to students within the Boston Public Schools community who have substantial cognitive, communication, and physical disabilities in grades 7-12. The MSBA-approved educational program and new building design will provide a cohesive pathway for students in grades Pre K-12 in alignment with peer Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Approved Public Day Schools.

This planned expansion will allow the Boston Public Schools to better serve students by implementing a developmentally appropriate curriculum through a consistent interdisciplinary educational team approach. The educational team will focus on increasing each student's ability to communicate as a means to access their educational curriculum while targeting developmental milestones critical for communication development. This early childhood work will be built upon as our students progress through the program, and transition to a focus on functional skills to better support achievement and success in the home, community, and adult services.

Early identification and immersion into a rich school-wide augmentative communication environment will allow younger students to accelerate their learning through the modeling of communication systems by older peers, and early immersion into this environment will lead to greater academic gains, as our

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students communication systems are a vital access skill for accessing the curriculum and assessing learning.

Carter School Grade Reconfiguration Vote

ORDERED: In accordance with the educational program and design of the MSBA Core project, the Boston School Committee hereby approves the proposal to expand to serve students in Pre-K to 12 (ages 3-22) starting in the fall of the 2024-2025 school year.

In closing, on behalf of my team, I thank you for your vote on these three important projects.

