



# Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Ms. Sandra Wilson, Chair  
Leicester Select Board  
3 Washburn Square  
Leicester, MA 01524

Re: Town of Leicester, Leicester Middle School

Dear Ms. Wilson:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) has voted to approve the Leicester Middle School Project in the Town of Leicester (the “Town”) to replace the existing Leicester Primary School, Leicester Memorial Elementary School, and Leicester Middle School with a new PK-8 school facility on the existing Leicester Middle School site.

The Board approved an Estimated Maximum Total Facilities Grant of \$41,022,793, which does not include any funds for Potentially Eligible Owner’s or Construction Contingency Expenditures. In the event that the MSBA determines that any Owner’s and/or Construction Contingency Expenditures are eligible for reimbursement, the Maximum Total Facilities Grant for the Leicester Middle School Project may increase to as much as \$41,937,394. The final grant amount will be determined by the MSBA based on a review and audit of all Project costs incurred by the Town in accordance with the MSBA’s regulations, policies, and guidelines and the Project Funding Agreement. The final grant amount may be an amount less than \$41,022,793.

Pursuant to the MSBA’s regulations, districts typically have 120 days after the date of the MSBA’s Board vote to acquire and certify local approval for an appropriation and all other necessary local votes or approvals showing acceptance of the cost, site, type, scope, and timeline for the Leicester Middle School Project. However, due to the current public health crisis, the MSBA has granted the Town an extension of up to 102 days beyond the typical 120-day deadline, to November 23, 2020, to allow sufficient time for the Town to acquire and certify local approval. After receipt of the certified votes demonstrating local approval, the MSBA and the Town will execute a Project Funding Agreement, which will set forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Town will receive its grant from the MSBA. Once the Project Funding Agreement has been executed by both parties, the Town will be eligible to submit requests for reimbursement for the Leicester Middle School Project costs to the MSBA. The Project Scope and Budget Agreement signed by the Town and the MSBA will form the basis for the Project Funding Agreement.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail, but in the meantime, I wanted to share with you the Board’s approval of the Leicester Middle School Project in the Town of Leicester to replace the existing Leicester Primary School, Leicester Memorial Elementary School, and Leicester Middle School with a new PK-8 school facility on the existing Leicester Middle School site.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you during the MSBA's grant program process. 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  
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