

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Massachusetts School Building Authority
FROM: James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer
Mary L. Pichetti, Executive Director/Deputy Chief Executive Officer
DATE: December 6, 2023
RE: Statement of Interest for Core Program – 2023 Recommendations for
Invitations to Eligibility Period

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) opened the 2023 Statement of Interest (the “SOI”) filing period on January 13, 2023. The filing deadline for the Core Program was April 14, 2023, with 63 SOIs submitted by 57 districts for consideration.¹ Of the 63 SOIs submitted, 40 were designated as the priority school. Beginning on April 14, 2023, the MSBA conducted its due diligence on the SOIs that were submitted for the Core Program, as outlined in **Attachment A**, “SOI Process Overview for Core Program” issued December 9, 2022 and as noted below:

- Review SOI submissions for completeness – votes, signatures and supporting documentation;
- Review SOI submissions and accompanying documents for content; and,
- Conduct Senior Study visits, if necessary.

As discussed with the Board during the 2023 SOI process and most recently at the November 15, 2023, Facilities Assessment Subcommittee meeting, the MSBA has now concluded its due diligence for the 2023 SOIs. MSBA staff are recommending that the Board vote to invite the 19 districts and schools listed below and as found in **Attachment B** into the Eligibility Period.

Upon approval by the Board, each district and school are invited into the 270-day Eligibility Period with a specified effective date for commencement, and any approval of a potential grant for the scope of work as identified herein will not be made before July 1, 2026. As part of its due diligence, MSBA staff has discussed the Eligibility Period requirements and the specific funding timelines with the 19 districts. The districts are aware of the effective dates for commencement of Eligibility Period as found below and the dates for potential grant approval.

Attachment C to this memorandum lists the names of the remaining 38 districts and 44 schools that submitted an SOI in 2023 but are not being considered for an invitation into the MSBA’s grant program.

¹There was no filing period for the Accelerated Repair Program (the “ARP”) in 2023. This was a result of staff’s recommendation and the Board’s approval to temporarily pause the ARP and not accept new SOIs for the ARP in 2023 at the October 26, 2022, Board of Directors meeting.

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on March 4, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Manchester-Essex Regional School District	Essex Elementary School	1957	K-5
Somerville	Winter Hill Community School	1975	PK-8
South Hadley	Mosier Elementary School	1969	2-4

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on April 1, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Chelmsford	Colonel Moses Parker Middle School	1965	5-8
Leicester	Leicester High School	1995	9-12
Northborough	Marguerite E. Peaslee Elementary School	1962	K-5
Springfield	German Gerena Elementary School	1975	PK-5

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on May 1, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	Dighton Elementary School	1953	PK-4
Medford	Medford High School	1970	PK; 9-12
Needham	Pollard Middle School	1957	7-8

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on June 3, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Framingham	Hemenway Elementary School	1961	K-5
Haverhill	John G. Whittier Middle School	1957	5-8
New Bedford	Charles S. Ashley Elementary School	1922	K-5

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on July 1, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Boston	Pauline Agassiz Shaw Elementary School	1919	PK-3
Everett	Everett High School	2007	9-12
Worcester	Burncoat Senior High School	1964	9-12

Recommended Invitation for Commencement of Eligibility Period on August 1, 2024

District	School	Age of Existing Building	Current Grade Configuration
Milford	Milford High School	1971	PK; 9-12
Peabody	Peabody Veterans Memorial High School	1970	9-12
Westford	Colonel John Robinson Elementary School	1970	PK-2

Attachment B - 2023 Statement of Interest Board Memo

District	School Name	Year Built	Building Gross SF	School Type	Current Grade Configuration	2022-2023 DESE Enrollment	*MSBA Check Section 8 Priorities
Boston	Pauline Agassiz Shaw Elementary School	1919	20,000	ES	PK-3	187	5,7
Chelmsford	Colonel Moses Parker Middle School	1965	121,873	MS	5-8	723	2,4,5,7
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District	Dighton Elementary School	1953	108,000	ES	PK-4	411	4,5,7
Everett	Everett High School	2007	350,110	C-HS	9-12	2,231	2,4,7
Framingham	Hemenway Elementary School	1961	66,500	ES	K-5	543	2,4,5,7
Haverhill	John G. Whittier Middle School	1957	58,000	MS	5-8	484	2,4,5,7
Leicester	Leicester High School	1995	97,000	HS	9-12	414	5,7
Manchester-Essex Regional School District	Essex Elementary School	1957	52,900	ES	K-5	231	5,7
Medford	Medford High School	1970	330,000	C-HS	PK; 9-12	1,260	5,7
Milford	Milford High School	1971	342,350	C-HS	PK; 9-12	1,324	2,5,7
Needham	Pollard Middle School	1957	175,000	MS	7-8	818	2,5,7
New Bedford	Charles S. Ashley Elementary School	1922	61,840	ES	K-5	278	5,7
Northborough	Marguerite E. Peaslee Elementary School	1962	44,000	ES	K-5	251	5,7
Peabody	Peabody Veterans Memorial High School	1970	318,000	C-HS	9-12	1,476	3,5,7
Somerville	Winter Hill Community School	1975	95,000	MS	PK-8	404	5,7
South Hadley	Mosier Elementary School	1969	57,788	ES	2-4	345	5,7
Springfield	German Gerena Elementary School	1975	275,000	ES	PK-5	509	5,7
Westford	Colonel John Robinson Elementary School	1970	55,836	ES	PK-2	311	5,7
Worcester	Burncoat Senior High School	1964	144,388	HS	9-12	1,179	3,5,7

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District	School Name	*MSBA Check Section 8 Priorities	MSBA Due Diligence Findings
Acton-Boxborough Regional School District	Luther Conant Elementary School	2,4,5,7	District not ready to proceed
Avon	Ralph D. Butler School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Ayer-Shirley Regional School District	Page Hilltop Elementary School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Boston	Charles H. Taylor Elementary School	5,7	Not district priority, SOI under consideration by district for consolidation, active MSBA Core project, other district SOI in FRR category, high School Survey score
Braintree	Braintree High School	5,7	Not district priority, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey scores
Burlington	Burlington High School	5,7	Not district priority, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey scores
Cohasset	Cohasset High School	4,5,7	High School Survey scores
Cohasset	Cohasset Middle School	4,5,7	Not district priority, high School Survey scores
Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District	Marguerite E. Small Elementary School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Dracut	Greenmont Avenue Elementary School	5,7	Not district priority, SOI under consideration by district for consolidation, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey score
Duxbury	Alden School	5	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical Regional School District	Essex Technical High School	5,7	High School Survey scores
Foxborough	Charles Taylor Elementary School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Gill-Montague Regional School District	Sheffield Elementary School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Granby	Granby Junior/Senior High School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, district not ready to proceed, high School Survey score
Holliston	Holliston High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Ipswich	Paul F. Doyon Memorial School	2,5,7	Not district priority, high School Survey scores
Ipswich	Winthrop Elementary School	2,5,7	High School Survey scores
Lenox	Lenox Memorial Middle and High School	3,5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Medfield	Dale Street Elementary School	4,5,7	High School Survey score
Millis	Millis Middle School	5,7	Not district's priority, SOI under consideration by district for consolidation, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey score
Milton	Cunningham School	2,4,7	High School Survey scores
Natick	Memorial Elementary School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey scores
Needham	William Mitchell Elementary School	2,5,7	Not district's priority, other district SOI in FRR category, high School Survey score
New Bedford	Jireh Swift Elementary School	5,7	Not district's priority SOI, SOI under consideration by district for consolidation, active MSBA Core project, other district SOI in FRR category
North Middlesex Regional School District	Hawthorne Brook Middle School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Norwell	Norwell High School	4,5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed

Oxford	Alfred M. Chafee School	5	High School Survey scores
Oxford	Clara Barton School	5	Not district's priority, high School Survey scores
Plymouth	Cold Spring Elementary School	5,7	Not district's priority SOI, MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Plymouth	Hedge Elementary School	5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey score
Somerville	Benjamin G. Brown Elementary School	5,7	Not district's priority, SOI under consideration by district for consolidation, other district SOI in FRR category, high School Survey score
Shawsheen Valley Regional Vocational Technical School District	Shawsheen Valley Technical High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Shrewsbury	Shrewsbury Senior High School	2,5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
South Middlesex Regional Vocational Technical School District	Joseph P. Keefe Technical High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Springfield	Washington Elementary School	5,7	Not district priority, active MSBA Core projects, other district SOI in FRR category, high School Survey scores
Springfield	White Street Elementary School	5,7	Not district priority, active MSBA Core projects, other district SOI in FRR category, high School Survey score
Triton Regional School District	Triton Regional High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Triton Regional School District	Triton Regional Middle School	5,7	Not district priority, SOI under consideration by district consolidation, high School Survey scores
Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical School District	Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational Technical High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
Wayland	Claypit Hill Elementary School	2,5,7	MSBA's historic district involvement sufficient at this time, high School Survey scores
West Boylston	West Boylston Junior/Senior High School	5,7	Deficiencies not among highest within cohort of most urgent/needed
West Bridgewater	Howard School	4,5,7	Not district priority, SOI under consideration by district consolidation, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey scores
Westwood	William E. Sheehan Elementary School	5,7	Not district priority, active MSBA Core project, high School Survey score

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