



# Massachusetts School Building Authority

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## **TREASURER CAHILL AND THE MSBA ANNOUNCE PROJECT APPROVAL FOR THE NEWMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

***MSBA will contribute up to \$8,598,927, for the Newman Elementary School***

**BOSTON, MA** – State Treasurer Tim Cahill, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), and Katherine Craven, MSBA Executive Director, today announced that the MSBA Board voted to approve the repair project for the Newman Elementary School. The next step in the process is for the Town of Needham and the MSBA to enter into a Project Funding Agreement which will detail the project’s scope and budget and set forth the terms and conditions to which Needham will receive its grant from the MSBA.

"We offer a fiscally responsible blueprint for future school construction that will help local communities, like Needham, provide a strong educational foundation for the children of the Commonwealth," said Treasurer Cahill.

Under the MSBA’s “pay-as-you-build” progress payment system, Needham will be reimbursed monthly based on submitted invoices for eligible project expenses. This new payment system will prevent Needham from having to issue debt for the MSBA’s share of the project, saving the taxpayers of Needham millions of dollars in interest costs.

“We still have to work out some details, but the MSBA is prepared to reimburse up to \$8,598,927 for the Newman Elementary School project,” stated Katherine Craven, MSBA Executive Director.

During the next five years, the MSBA will collaborate with municipalities to equitably invest up to \$2.5 billion in schools across the Commonwealth by finding the right-sized, most fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate solutions to create safe and sound learning environments. The MSBA is committed to protecting the taxpayer’s dollar by improving the school building grant process and avoiding the mistakes of the past in the funding and construction of school facilities.

To date, the MSBA has made approximately \$6.3 billion in reimbursements to cities and towns for school construction projects inherited from the former program -- \$4.1 billion of which are accelerated payments to districts which had been waiting years for a partial payment from the state prior to the creation of the MSBA. Those payments have saved municipalities millions of dollars in interest costs and reinvigorated a system that once had \$11 billion in outstanding obligations. In its three year history, the MSBA has successfully contained the Commonwealth’s formerly rampant and unsustainable financial liability for the costs of 1,150 local school construction projects and last year was able to reopen a sustainable, reformed grant program as a result of programmatic reforms and sound fiscal management.

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