

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Directors, Massachusetts School Building Authority
FROM: James A. MacDonald, First Deputy Treasurer, Chief Executive Officer
John K. McCarthy, Executive Director, Deputy Chief Executive Officer
SUBJECT: MSBA Model School Program Recommendation
DATE: December 14, 2022

The purpose of this memorandum is to seek the Board of Directors' approval to remove two project designs from the MSBA's current inventory of Model Schools. The recommendation below was presented at the Facilities Assessment Subcommittee meeting on November 9, 2022.

Background

The MSBA's Model School Program seeks to adapt and re-use the design of successful, recently constructed schools to meet the requirements of a school district that has been invited by the MSBA's Board of Directors to construct a new (versus renovated) school. Under the Model School Program, the MSBA may select from existing school designs meeting the appropriate criteria and pre-qualify the designer of each selected Model School. The District, in collaboration with the MSBA, may then select one of the pre-qualified Model Schools and its designer. The District will then enter into a contract with the selected designer for design services. It is anticipated that the list of pre-qualified Model Schools will be updated periodically, with the next procurement scheduled to occur in 2023.

At the conclusion of the Model School procurement conducted in 2015-2016, the Board of Directors voted to approve the Quinn Middle School in the Town of Hudson and the Longmeadow High School in the Town of Longmeadow, both by OMR Architects, Inc. for inclusion in the MSBA's Model School Program. Since that time, OMR Architects, Inc. has closed. As a result of this closure, districts would no longer be able to enter into a contract with OMR Architects, Inc., the designer of record for the aforementioned model school designs.

Recommendation

Based on the reasons described above, staff recommends that the following project designs be removed from the Model School Program:

- Hudson, Quinn Middle School by OMR Architects, Inc.
- Longmeadow, Longmeadow High School by OMR Architects, Inc.

The MSBA will continue to monitor the effectiveness of MSBA policy to support the Model School Program.