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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Ken Wagner, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Newport

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. Article 9 of the FY16 State Budget lifted the moratorium on school construction, created the School Building Authority (SBA) at the RI Department of Education, created the SBA Capital Fund, and changed the multi-stage Necessity of School Construction application to an annual process. Because of this, the Board will be asked to review and approve projects annually at the end of each fiscal year.

The projects have undergone rigorous review by the School Building Authority (SBA) team at RIDE and were also presented to the members of the SBA Advisory Board at their May 11, 2016, meeting. The Advisory Board has recommended the projects for Council approval.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve prioritized Fast Track Repairs and Major Projects. A chart summarizing Newport School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$3,061,686 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$1,071,590):

Newport:

- a. Districtwide Fast Track Repairs
 - i. Claiborne Pell Elementary School \$ 50,973
 - ii. Thompson Middle School \$ 687,373
 - iii. Newport Career Tech Center \$ 70,850
 - iv. Rogers High School \$ 2,252,490

SUMMARY: FY 2016 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NEWPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2016 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Fast Track Repairs	This project will address repairs at the following Newport School District facilities: Claiborne Pell Elementary School, Thompson Middle School, Newport Career Tech Center, and the Rogers High School. The proposed repairs will focus on health and safety, accessibility, ventilation, and security.	This project includes health and safety improvements, including roof replacement, building envelope repairs, site repairs, security improvements, ADA compliance, fire protection repairs, indoor environmental quality projects, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	35.00%	\$3,061,686	\$1,071,590	\$1,071,590

* State share ratio is based on FY2016 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonuses awarded for energy and water efficiency, ADA compliance, and hazardous materials abatement.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. Newport intends to pay for project with capital reserve funds.