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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

SUBJECT: ***Approval of Necessity of School Construction Projects: Narragansett***

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. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. The school construction regulations instituted a rolling application process that allows districts to submit their applications when they are complete. Because of this, the Council will be asked to review and approve projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The FY 2015 State budget extended the moratorium on Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approvals until May 2015, except for projects necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons.

At the September 8th meeting, the Council is being asked to approve several health and safety projects. A chart summarizing Narragansett School System's projects is provided in Attachment 1 and a more detailed description of the projects is found in Attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the necessity of school construction projects totaling $2,880,450 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 $1,008,158):

Narragansett:

a. Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs

i.	Narragansett Elementary School	$ 610,650
ii.	Narragansett Pier Middle School	$ 1,758,950
iii.	Narragansett High School	$ 510,850

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SUMMARY: FY 2015 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

NARRAGANSETT SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2015 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs ***(see attachment 2)***	This project will address immediate emergency repairs at all three Narragansett School Department facilities, including: the Narragansett Elementary School, Narragansett Pier Middle School, and Narragansett High School. These facilities are all in need of immediate renovation to address code compliance and life safety issues. The repairs and renovations will include high priority building and fire code issues, as well as providing building system and ADA improvements.	This project will address high priority health, life safety, and code compliance issues at three district schools. The repairs will address fire code upgrades, ADA improvements, building envelope repair and replacement, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	35%	$2,880,450	$1,008,158	$1,008,158

* State share ratio is based on FY2015 calculation. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonuses awarded for energy and water efficiency, ADA improvements, and asbestos abatement.

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

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Narragansett School System
Districtwide Health and Safety Improvements

Project Cost: $2,880,450

Project Description: This project will address immediate emergency repairs at all three Narragansett School Department facilities, including: the Narragansett Elementary School, Narragansett Pier Middle School, and Narragansett High School. These facilities are all in need of immediate renovation to address code compliance and life safety issues. The repairs and renovations will include high priority building and fire code issues, as well as providing building system and ADA improvements.

Project Justification:

- High priority districtwide mechanical system repairs will resolve indoor air quality deficiencies and ensure code required heating and ventilation.
- Districtwide building envelope repairs, including roof replacements to prevent water infiltration.
- Work will include site repairs to provide accessible routes to the building and enhance security.

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This project is approved by the School Committee and Town officials.

Special Contingency: All other things being equal, the services of qualified and capable vendors with offices in Rhode Island, or those who propose a joint venture with a Rhode Island firm, should be utilized.

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