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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner 

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction Projects: Bristol Warren

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 1, 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 Bristol Warren Regional School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1 and a more detailed description of the projects is found in Attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$11,297,669 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 \$7,117,531):

Bristol Warren:

- a. Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs
 - i. Mt Hope Regional High School \$ 3,604,509
 - ii. Hugh Cole Elementary School \$ 1,559,325
 - iii. Kickemuit Middle School \$ 2,787,870
 - iv. Colt-Andrews Elementary School \$ 853,666
 - v. Rockwell Elementary School \$ 858,837
 - vi. Guiteras Elementary School \$ 1,633,462

SUMMARY: FY 2015 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2015 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs <i>(see attachment 2)</i>	This project will address immediate emergency repairs at all six Bristol Warren Regional School District facilities, including: Mt Hope Regional High School; Hugh Cole Elementary School; Kickemuit Middle School; Colt-Andrews Elementary School; Rockwell Elementary School; and Guiteras Elementary School. The proposed repairs include high priority renovations to address code compliance and life safety issues, including building and fire code issues, as well as necessary ADA improvements.	This project will address high priority health, life safety, and code compliance issues at all 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.	63%	\$11,297,669	\$7,117,531	\$7,117,531

* 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. Bristol Warren intends to pay for project out of capital reserve funds.

**Bristol Warren Regional School District
Districtwide Health and Safety Improvements**

Project Cost: \$11,297,669

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Project Justification:

- Hazardous materials abatement will be conducted to prevent indoor environmental quality issues.
- High priority districtwide mechanical system repairs will provide code required heating and ventilation and resolve indoor air quality deficiencies.
- Districtwide building envelope repairs, including roof replacements to prevent water infiltration.
- Work will include site repairs to address water drainage, correct settlement issues, and 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.