Deborah A. Gist
Commissioner

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
Shepard Building
255 Westminster Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02903-3400

Enclosure 7e3
September 8, 2014

September 8, 2014

TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

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

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 Pawtucket School Department'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 Pawtucket's Necessity of School Construction projects totaling $46,040,801 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 $37,523,252):

Pawtucket:

a. Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs

i.	Alternative Learning Program	$ 250,500
ii.	Baldwin Elementary School	$ 473,110
iii.	Cunningham Elementary School	$ 882,951
iv.	Curtis Elementary School	$ 1,101,071
v.	Curvin-McCabe Elementary School	$ 391,854
vi.	Fallon Elementary School	$ 1,108,352
vii.	Goff Junior High School	$ 1,018,350
viii.	Greene Elementary School	$12,238,185

ix.	Jenks Junior High School	$ 1,889,440
x.	Little Elementary School	$ 1,436,438
xi.	Potter-Burns Elementary School	$12,711,283
xii.	Shea High School	$ 3,480,843
xiii.	Slater Junior High School	$ 4,695,734
xiv.	Tolman High School	$ 3,390,530
xv.	Varieur Elementary School	$ 146,760
xvi.	Winters Elementary School	$ 825,400

SUMMARY: FY 2015 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

Pawtucket School Department	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 health and safety repairs at all sixteen Pawtucket School Department's facilities, including: Alternative Learning Program, Baldwin Elementary School, Cunningham Elementary School, Curtis Elementary School, Curvin-McCabe Elementary School, Fallon Elementary School, Goff Junior High School, Greene Elementary School, Jenks Junior High School, Little Elementary School, Potter-Burns Elementary School, Shea High School, Slater Junior High School, Tolman High School, Varieur Elementary School, and Winters Elementary School. The project will include high priority building repairs and address fire code issues, as well as providing building system and ADA repairs.	This project will address high priority health, life safety, and code compliance issues at district schools. The improvements will address hazardous material abatement, fire code upgrades, ADA repairs, building envelope repairs, and other building system repairs that affect student and staff health and safety.	81.5%	$32,000,000 (Bond) $14,040,801 (Capital Reserve)	$26,080,000 $11,443,252	$39,772,000 $11,443,252

* 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. Pawtucket is funding this project with both bond proceeds and capital reserves as detailed above.

DRAFT

Pawtucket School Department
Districtwide Health and Safety Improvements

Project Cost: $46,040,801

Project Description: This project will address immediate health and safety repairs at all sixteen Pawtucket School Department's facilities, including: Alternative Learning Program, Baldwin Elementary School, Cunningham Elementary School, Curtis Elementary School, Curvin-McCabe Elementary School, Fallon Elementary School, Goff Junior High School, Greene Elementary School, Jenks Junior High School, Little Elementary School, Potter-Burns Elementary School, Shea High School, Slater Junior High School, Tolman High School, Varieur Elementary School, and Winters Elementary School. The project will include high priority building repairs and address fire code issues, as well as providing building system and ADA repairs.

Project Justification:

- Major renovations at Potter Burns Elementary School and Greene Elementary School to address failing systems, such as roof, fire alarm, HVAC, hazardous materials abatement, and including the replacement of 100 year old ceilings that have collapsed.
- Fire safety repairs will address code deficiencies, including exit signage, fire stair enclosure, panic hardware, and fire rated doors.
- Abatement of hazardous materials to maintain safe and health indoor environmental quality
- Repairs will address high priority egress related code issues and provide necessary accessibility repairs.
- Exterior envelope repairs, including roof replacements to address leaks that have caused water infiltration and damage to interiors
- Districtwide code required heating and ventilation improvements to maintain indoor air quality

* * *

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.

DRAFT