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TO: Members of the R.I. Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Cranston Public Schools

The Board of 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 Board will be asked to review and approve projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The FY 2012 State budget imposed a three year moratorium on Board of Education approvals, except for projects necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons.

At this meeting, the Board is being asked to approve several health and safety projects. A chart summarizing Cranston Public Schools' projects is provided in Attachment 1 and a more detailed description of the projects is found in Attachment 2.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Education approves the Cranston Public Schools' necessity of school construction projects totaling \$23,132,252 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 \$12,028,775):

Cranston:

- a. District-wide Health and Safety Repairs
 - i. Arlington Elementary School \$ 477,291
 - ii. Chester Barrow Elementary School \$ 325,996
 - iii. William DuTemple Elementary School \$ 503,873
 - iv. Eden Park Elementary School \$ 377,000
 - v. Edgewood Highlands Elementary School \$ 742,490
 - vi. Garden City Elementary School \$ 384,475
 - vii. Gladstone Elementary School \$ 489,450
 - viii. Glen Hills Elementary School \$ 897,709
 - ix. Norwood Elementary School \$ 448,760
 - x. Oaklawn Elementary School \$ 1,195,685
 - xi. George J. Peters Elementary School \$ 321,310
 - xii. Edward S. Rhodes Elementary School \$ 506,540

xiii.	Stadium Elementary School	\$ 340,043
xiv.	Stone Hill Elementary School	\$ 632,212
xv.	Daniel D. Waterman Elementary School	\$ 178,753
xvi.	Woodridge Elementary School	\$ 902,038
xvii.	Hugh Bain Middle School	\$ 2,138,400
xviii.	Park View Middle School	\$ 4,545,610
xix.	Western Hills Middle School	\$ 1,511,303
xx.	Cranston East High School & Briggs Building	\$ 2,535,427
xxi.	Cranston West High School & E Building	\$ 3,677,887