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

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SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Burrillville School Department

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 Burrillville 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 R.I. Board of Education approves the Burrillville School Department’s necessity of school construction projects totaling \$5,941,591 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 \$3,333,237):

Burrillville:

- a. Districtwide Health and Safety Repairs
 - i. Steere Farm Elementary School \$ 114,917
 - ii. William L. Callahan School \$ 322,974
 - iii. Austin Levy School \$ 1,423,971
 - iv. Burrillville Middle School \$ 2,272,076
 - v. Burrillville High School \$ 1,807,653