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

**FROM:** Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

**SUBJECT: Approval of the FY 2016 Capital Budget**

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Annually the Rhode Island Board of Education is required to approve the Capital Budget request, which is a five-year plan that covers repairs, renovations, and improvements at State-owned properties. This year's request includes projects for the Davies Career and Technical Center, the Metropolitan Career and Technical Center, the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, the remaining State-owned, locally-operated career and technical centers, selected statewide information technology initiatives, and the Department's motor vehicle replacement plan. The Capital Budget is the first step in the FY 2016 budget process.

The following is a summary of the FY 2016 Capital Budget by the Rhode Island Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (RIDE). The Department's total request through FY 2020 includes eleven projects for a total cost of \$94M, which includes \$55M already spent or encumbered. All projects in this budget have been previously approved by the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly. In addition the School for the Deaf requests two passenger vans be replaced as part of their request.

You are receiving three (3) attachments with the details of the budget request. Attachment 1 contains a brief overview of the Capital Budget request. Attachment 2 shows a list of projects by priority with summary information. The State Budget Office requires RIDE to prioritize the projects. Priority has been given to the work necessary to complete the transfer of the locally-operated career & technical facilities back to the districts. Attachment 3 provides a year-by-year breakdown of the budget for each project.

**RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Rhode Island Board of Education, formally approves the FY 2016 Capital Budget Request, as presented.**

## **RIDE Capital Budget Overview - June 16, 2014**

The RIDE Capital Budget request for FY 2015 - FY 2020 is comprised of 11 projects costing \$94M, of which \$55M has been spent or encumbered. The request includes \$39M in spending from 2015 to 2020. All projects were previously approved by the Board of Education, the Governor, and the General Assembly.

The request includes 3 projects for the State-owned, locally-operated career & technical centers, 2 projects for the William M. Davies Career & Technical High School, 3 projects for the Metropolitan Career & Technical Center, 1 project for the Rhode Island School for the Deaf, and 2 projects for statewide information technology initiatives.

- **Summary of Proposed Spending**

- **Career & Tech Centers**

- 1 of the 3 remaining State-owned, locally-operated Career & Tech Centers (Cranston) has an agreement in place for the local district to take ownership of the facility. The agreement calls for a final payment of \$0.4M to be made in FY 2015.
- For the 2 centers where agreements are still being negotiated (Warwick and Woonsocket) the request includes \$6.3M for necessary repairs.

- **Davies**

- There are 2 ongoing projects for the HVAC systems and for Asset Protection.
- The HVAC project is scheduled to complete in FY 2017.

- **Met**

- There is a \$9.1M project that is underway to build a new building for the East Bay campus. The building was opened in January 2014 and the project will complete with final work and payments in FY 2015.
- There is a project for HVAC and a project for Asset Protection, both of which began in FY 2013. The HVAC project is scheduled to complete in FY 2016.

- **School for the Deaf**
  - There is the final \$0.3M out of \$31.2M total for the new Rhode Island School for the Deaf building. Construction of the new building is completed and the remaining funds are being used to construct an outbuilding and garage.
- **Statewide**
  - There is an LEA Technology Bond project that includes \$20.0M for technology infrastructure at local school districts and charter schools.
  - There is also a continuing project for the State's Comprehensive Education Information System (CEIS).
- **Motor Vehicles**
  - The School for the Deaf intends to replace its 2 passenger vans in FY 2015, primarily because of safety concerns about using 15-passenger vans to transport students, but also for more operational flexibility. The vans would be replaced by a bus and a minivan.
  - The Capital Budget only includes the vehicle replacement plan. The funds to replace the vehicles will be requested as part of the operating budget.
- **Two projects would continue beyond FY 2020:**
  - the asset protection projects for Davies and the Met would continue indefinitely in order to maintain their buildings.
- **The bulk of the funding in the Capital Budget comes from 3 sources:**
  - General Obligation (GO) bonds that require approval by the General Assembly and by voters in a referendum.
  - Certificates of Participation (COPS) which are a lease financing method that requires approval by the General Assembly.
  - Rhode Island Capital Fund (RICAP) money that is pay-as-you-go and is approved through the annual budget process.

## RIDE FY 2016 Capital Budget -- Project Overview

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New Request ?	ID	Project Title	Project Total	% of Total Project Spent as of 5/15/14	Year Project Started	Planned Project End	Change From the FY 15 Governor's Budget	Brief Description
No	1	Cranston C&T Center	\$3.3 M	88%	FY 2011	FY 2015	--	Renovations and repairs to this center to facilitate the district takeover of the facility. Required repairs include HVAC system and Fire Safety. Final payment and transfer of building scheduled to occur Summer 2014.
No	2	LEA Technology Infrastructure	\$20.0 M	3%	FY 2013	FY 2016	--	\$20M to help provide LEAs with wireless classroom technology necessary to access comprehensive data systems, such as those being developed with Race to the Top.
No	3	CEIS	\$7.6 M	91%	FY 2007	FY 2017	--	To continue implementing the comprehensive education information system so that state and federal accountability mandates can be met.
No	4	Woonsocket C&T Center	\$3.2 M	1%	FY 2013	FY 2017	--	Required renovations and repairs to this center to facilitate the district takeover of the facility. Repairs include roof and mechanical system work. Negotiations for facility transfer continue.
No	5	Warwick C&T Center	\$3.1 M	1%	FY 2013	FY 2017	\$100,000	Required renovations and repairs to this center to facilitate the district takeover of the facility. Required repairs include the replacement of the roof. Negotiations for facility transfer continue.
No	6	Davies – HVAC	\$5.1 M	42%	FY 2006	FY 2017	\$933,647	Replacement and/or repair of the heating and cooling system throughout the "old" and "new" portions of the school.

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No	7	Met – HVAC	\$6.4 M	5%	FY 2013	FY 2016	\$3,886,370	Replacement and/or repair of the failing heating and cooling system throughout the Public & Peace St. campuses.
No	8	Davies – Asset Protection	\$2.8 M	n/a	FY 2008	Ongoing	(\$63,640)	For various necessary upgrades and repairs including life, health/safety, and code issues to the old, new, and modular buildings.
No	9	Met – Asset Protection	\$2.3 M	n/a	FY 2013	Ongoing	\$1,729,939	For various necessary upgrades and repairs including life, health/safety, and code issues to the Met School facilities in Providence (Peace Street and Public Street) and Newport (Gallagher Building).
No	10	Met – East Bay Campus	\$9.1 M	96%	FY 2009	FY 2015	\$300,000	To purchase land and construct a new building for the East Bay Met School on land currently owned by the Newport Housing Authority adjacent to the current school location. (building opened in FY 2014)
No	11	New School for the Deaf	\$30.9 M	99%	FY 2008	FY 2015	(\$311,197)	To construct a new building for the School for the Deaf at its current location in Providence. (building opened in FY 2011)

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
CAPITAL PROJECTS

Project	Type	PROJECT TOTAL	REMAINING TO SPEND*	Pre-FY 2015*	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020
Cranston Career and Tech - HVAC system and Fire Safety	RICAP	\$3,278,260	\$400,000	2,878,260	400,000	0	0	0	0	0
LEA Technology Infrastructure	COPS	\$20,000,000	\$18,000,000	2,000,000	15,000,000	3,000,000	0	0	0	0
RIDE - Comprehensive Education Information System	COPS	\$7,615,286	\$494,041	7,121,245	213,000	163,000	118,041			
Woonsocket Career and Tech - Roof Replacement	RICAP	\$3,194,250	\$3,137,300	56,950	1,829,212	1,008,088	300,000	0	0	0
Warwick Career and Tech - Roof Replacement	RICAP	\$3,135,040	\$3,100,000	35,040	950,000	1,800,000	350,000	0	0	0
Davies Career and Tech - HVAC	RICAP	\$5,110,790	\$3,080,780	2,030,010	1,750,780	395,000	935,000	0	0	0
Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center - HVAC	RICAP	\$6,386,370	\$6,019,996	366,374	3,135,539	2,884,457	0	0	0	0
Davies Career and Tech - Asset Protection	RICAP	\$2,818,790	\$2,190,000	628,790	820,000	770,000	150,000	150,000	150,000	150,000
Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center-Asset Protection	RICAP	\$2,276,357	\$2,076,357	200,000	1,000,000	351,536	243,233	204,368	182,385	94,835
Metropolitan Regional Career and Technical Center-East Bay Campus	RICAP	\$9,115,687	\$325,000	8,790,687	325,000	0	0	0	0	0
New School for the Deaf	COPS/ RICAP	\$30,937,501	\$161,241	30,776,260	161,241	0	0	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$93,868,331</b>	<b>\$38,984,715</b>	<b>54,883,616</b>	<b>25,584,772</b>	<b>10,372,081</b>	<b>2,096,274</b>	<b>354,368</b>	<b>332,385</b>	<b>244,835</b>

\* State FY 2014 will not close until mid-August, therefore the Pre-FY 2015 column and Remaining to Spend column are estimates that will be updated upon closing.