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Enclosure 8f
June 16, 2014

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TO: Members of the Rhode Island Board of Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner 

SUBJECT: Approval of Amendment to Memorandum of Agreement: Chariho Regional School District

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. On June 7, 2012, the Board of Regents approved districtwide immediate health and safety projects totaling \$2,441,500 at the Chariho Regional School District.

At the June 16, 2014, meeting, the Board is being asked to approve an amendment to include the Career and Technical Center on the list of schools scheduled for health and safety repairs and redistribute the project approval amount approved by the Board of Regents on June 7, 2012 (see attachment 2). There is **no cost increase** in this amendment. At the time of the original approval, the Career and Technical Center was owned by the State. Ownership of the facility has since been transferred to Chariho and an emergency situation has arisen – involving exterior brick and roof repair – that requires the reallocation of the project approval amounts within the original approval of \$2,441,500.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Education approve the amendment to the June 7, 2012 project approval of \$2,441,500 to reallocate the funding as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share excluding interest is expected to be \$1,489,315):

Chariho:

- a. District-wide Health and Safety Repairs
 - i. Ashaway Elementary School \$ 121,267
 - ii. Charlestown Elementary School \$ 132,500
 - iii. Hope Valley Elementary School \$ 1,333,839
 - iv. Richmond Elementary School \$ 474,244
 - v. Career and Technical Center \$ 379,650

Chariho Regional School District

Chariho Districtwide Health and Safety Improvements

**Request for Amendment to the June 7, 2012
Board of Regents Memorandum of Agreement**

Project Cost: \$2,441,500 (*no change from 2012 request*)

Project Description: This project will address emergency repairs at four Chariho Regional School District facilities, including the Ashaway Elementary School, Charlestown Elementary School, Hope Valley Elementary School, Richmond Elementary School, and the Chariho Career and Technical Center. These facilities are all in need of immediate renovation to address code compliance and life safety issues. The repairs and renovations will include high priority building envelope repairs, ADA improvements, HVAC repairs, and other building system improvements.

Amendment: *The amended scope will address emergency exterior envelope repairs at the Chariho Career and Technical Center, including providing required structural support to the roof.*

Project Justification:

- This project will address health and safety issues across the district.
- Improvements to the mechanical system will address indoor air quality issues.
- Site work will address life safety issues and accessibility deficiencies at all four schools.
- Repairs will address fire and building code compliance issues at four schools.
- System repairs will address high priority electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements.

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Commissioner

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ATTACHMENT 2

Enclosure 7ci
June 7, 2012

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TO: Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Chariho

The Board of Regents for 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 Regents 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 Regents approvals, except for projects necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons.

At this meeting, the Regents are being asked to approve several health and safety projects. A chart summarizing the Chariho Regional School District's projects is provided in Attachment 1 and a more detailed description of the projects is found in Attachments 2.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents approves the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$2,441,500 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 excluding interest is expected to be \$1,489,315):

Chariho:

- a. District-wide Health and Safety Repairs
 - i. Ashaway Elementary School \$ 98,500
 - ii. Charlestown Elementary School \$ 330,500
 - iii. Hope Valley Elementary School \$ 1,713,500
 - iv. Richmond Elementary School \$ 299,000

SUMMARY: FY 2012 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

CHARIHO REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2012 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 provide high priority repairs to four district school facilities: Ashaway Elementary School, Charlestown Elementary School, Hope Valley Elementary School, and Richmond Elementary School.	The repairs included in this project will address health, life safety, and code compliance issues at four district schools. The improvements will address high priority building envelope repairs, ADA improvements, HVAC repairs, and other building system improvements that affect student and staff health and safety.	61.00%	\$2,441,500	\$1,489,315	\$1,489,315

* State share ratio is based on FY2012 calculation. Final state share ratio is assigned when the bond is issued. 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. Chariho intends to pay for project out of capital reserve funds.

**Chariho Regional School District
Chariho Districtwide Health and Safety Improvements**

Project Cost: \$2,441,500

Project Description: This project will address emergency repairs at four Chariho Regional School District facilities, including the Ashaway Elementary School, Charlestown Elementary School, Hope Valley Elementary School, and Richmond Elementary School. These facilities are all in need of immediate renovation to address code compliance and life safety issues. The repairs and renovations will include high priority building envelope repairs, ADA improvements, HVAC repairs, and other building system improvements.

Project Justification:

- This project will address health and safety issues across the district.
- Improvements to the mechanical system will address indoor air quality issues.
- Site work will address life safety issues and accessibility deficiencies at all four schools.
- Repairs will address fire and building code compliance issues at four schools.
- System repairs will address high priority electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements.

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This project is approved by the Regional District 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.