

# Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Mr. Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chair  
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Mr. James R. Marzec, Member  
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Re: Town of Northbridge, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School

Dear Mr. Ampagoomian and Mr. Marzec:

I am pleased to report that the Board (the “Board”) of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) has voted to approve the Town of Northbridge (the “Town”), as part of its invitation for Feasibility Study, to proceed into schematic to replace the existing W. Edward Balmer and the Northbridge Elementary Schools, with a new facility that serves grades PK-5 on the existing site of the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School (the “proposed project”).

It is my understanding that the Town anticipates seeking community approval for this proposed project in November 2018. Therefore, it is critical that the Town in conjunction with its Owner’s Project Manager and Designer, submit a schedule to the MSBA as soon as possible, which should include: the work plan to complete all of the required documentation for presentation to the MSBA’s Board of Directors at a future Board meeting; the date of the Town Meeting(s) at which the proposed project will be considered; and the anticipated design and construction schedule.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail, but in the meantime, I wanted to share with you the Board’s vote to approve the Town of Northbridge to proceed into schematic design to replace the existing W. Edward Balmer and the Northbridge Elementary Schools, with a new facility that serves grades PK-5 on the existing site of the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School.

I look forward to continuing to work with you as the MSBA's grant program progresses. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John K. McCarthy  
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation  
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Michael LeBrasseur, Chair, Northbridge School Committee  
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