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Mr. Theodore Kozak, Town Manager
Town of Northbridge
Northbridge Town Hall
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Re: Town of Northbridge, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School

Dear Mr. Kozak:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") has voted to invite the Town of Northbridge (the "Town") to partner with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study for the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School. The Board's vote follows the Town's timely completion of all of the requirements of the MSBA's Eligibility Period.

I do want to emphasize that this invitation to partner on a Feasibility Study is *not* approval of a project, but is strictly an invitation to the Town to work with the MSBA to explore potential solutions to the problems that have been identified. Moving forward in the MSBA's process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and communities that "get ahead" of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA's statute, regulations, and policies which require MSBA collaboration and approval at each step of the process.

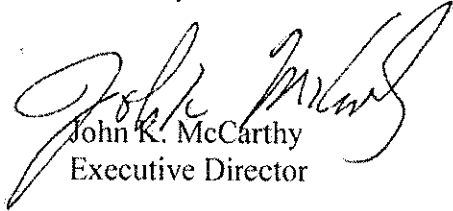
During the Feasibility Study phase, the Town and the MSBA will partner pursuant to the terms of the Feasibility Study Agreement to find the most fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate solution to the problems identified at the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School. The Feasibility Study, which will be conducted pursuant to the MSBA's regulations and policies, requires the Town to work with the MSBA on the procurement of an Owner's Project Manager and Designer, which will help bring the Town's Feasibility Study to fruition.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail. In the meantime, however, I wanted to share with you the Board's decision and provide a brief overview of what this means for the Town of Northbridge.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you as part of the MSBA's grant program. 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

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