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MEMORANDUM

TO: Mayor Leahy and Members of the City Council  
FROM: Eileen Donoghue, City Manager *ED*  
DATE: January 23, 2020  
SUBJECT: Accelerated Repair Program Update

I am excited to update the City Council on the progress that has been made on our Accelerated Repair Program (ARP) school building-systems projects. Beginning in the fall of 2018, my administration aggressively pursued a number of applications to the Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) ARP Program, ultimately submitting applications for a potential 15 projects across eight school locations. We were very excited to have eight projects located at six schools invited into the program. These projects, which include new boiler systems at the Bailey, Daley, Greenhalge, McAuliffe, Rogers and Sullivan schools, and new roofs at both the Bailey and Sullivan, are critical to the preservation and maintenance of the school buildings and learning environments therein. These eight projects represent just over \$13.6 million dollars in value, of which the state will offer reimbursement grants to cover 78.95% of the cost, creating opportunities that we simply cannot miss out on.

These projects, which are moving along at an aggressive pace, are slated for construction during the upcoming 2020 construction season, and should all be completed by next heating season in the Fall of 2020. The four schools which are getting boiler replacements – Daley, Greenhalge, McAuliffe, and Rogers – are expected to gain final approval at the February MSBA Board meeting. The two schools which have combined boiler and roof projects – Bailey and Sullivan – are expected to gain final approval at the April MSBA board meeting. The MSBA requires the full funding amount be approved by the local elected body, and reimburses up the project limits. The split in expected approval dates is due to the complexity involved in the roof designs at the Bailey and Sullivan schools. All eight of the projects are continuing to move forward on their original timelines, thanks to constant oversight by my staff and strong communication with our OPM Leftfield and Designer CGKV Architects.

I would also like to update the Council on our plans for submitting another round of applications, which the MSBA is currently accepting. Again, the minimum requirements in order to submit a Statement of Interest include a combination of the following: A)Boiler System at least 20 years old; and/or B)Roof System at least 20 years old; and/or C) Windows/Doors at least 30 years old; AND total estimated project cost at least \$250,000. We have identified 21 projects located at 14 schools to submit applications for, based on the school and its major building systems' ages. These applications, which require the approval of both the City Council and School Committee, include re-submitting applications from 2019 for potential roof and/or boiler projects at the Daley, Greenhalge, Lincoln, McAuliffe, Rogers, Pawtucketville Memorial (all six of these schools had applications submitted in 2019, and were either not invited into the program or were only awarded a boiler when we were seeking a boiler and roof). Additionally, my team has identified eight new school locations to apply for roofs and/or boilers, including the Bartlett, Butler, McAvinue, Moody, Murkland, Robinson, Shaughnessy, and Wang schools. In total, these applications represent a potential 21 projects located across 14 different schools in addition to the eight which are already in progress. The applications for these new schools are currently in preparation, and votes to approve submission of these applications will be forthcoming at the February 4<sup>th</sup> City Council and February 5<sup>th</sup> School Committee meetings.

Given the excellent value these projects give the City, I have directed my staff to continue to aggressively pursue these funding opportunities wherever they are available.

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions.