

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

VOTE

IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER,

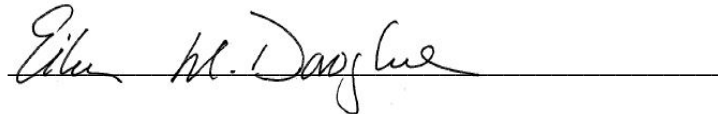
A supplemental appropriation to raise from Cherry sheet estimated receipts and appropriate to the Lowell Public School District.

ORDERED,

By the City Council of the City of Lowell, as follows:

That the amount of **One Million One Hundred Forty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Eleven and 00/100 (\$1,149,211.00) Dollars** be hereby further appropriated by raising from Cherry sheet estimated receipts and appropriating to the Lowell Public School Department, for further allocation by the Lowell School Committee:

ORDER RECOMMENDED AND INTRODUCED BY:

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Eileen M. Donoghue", is written over a solid horizontal line.

Eileen M. Donoghue, City Manager

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Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

September 12, 2018

Mayor William J. Samaras
And
Members of the Lowell City Council

Dear Mayor Samaras and Members of the Lowell City Council,

I am hereby requesting that the City Council approve a supplemental appropriation to allocate the additional Chapter 70 funds approved by the Commonwealth in the FY2019 budget. When passing the city's FY2019 budget in June, the Council conservatively used the House's budget figure for Chapter 70—as the State had not yet concluded budget deliberation and the final number was unknown. Ultimately, the Conference Committee ended up passing a budget with a higher total for municipal education aid and Lowell's apportionment was increased by approximately \$1.15 million.

Procedurally, the Council must appropriate a supplemental amount equal to the difference between the number passed in June and the state total in order for the schools to access the money. This action needs to take place prior to the time that the city sets the fiscal year 2019 tax rate. Pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, a city or town appropriating body shall not allocate appropriations among accounts or place any restriction on such appropriations. (Chapter 70 § 34). Therefore, the amount recommended for appropriation is not restricted in any way.

The enclosed vote will provide the school district with immediate funding for FY2019 budget. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Sincerely,

Eileen M. Donoghue
City Manager

Cc: Jeannine Durkin, Acting Superintendent of Schools
Conor Baldwin, Chief Financial Officer
Billie Jo Turner, Interim School Business Administrator