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Superintendent Jeannine Durkin
Lowell Public Schools
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Dear Superintendent Durkin:

The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) has completed its review of FY20 Fund Code 539 and 511: School Redesign Grant (SRG) applications. Congratulations, Robinson Middle School's SRG application has been approved. **Robinson Middle School has been awarded \$936,999** to be spent over the next three years, from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2022. The Year 1 implementation period is from September 1, 2019 through August 31, 2020. Continuation of funding for Years 2 and 3 are contingent on the submission and approval of a School Redesign Grant Renewal application, as well as progress in meeting implementation benchmarks and measurable annual goals.

Please be aware that the district must use these funds to supplement, not supplant regular non-Federal funds. For more guidance, refer to <http://www.mass.gov/edu/docs/ese/accountability/title-i/program-design/supplement.pdf>. Also, note that funds allocated for 2019-2020 School Redesign Grant activities cannot be "rolled over" to fund activities for the 2020-21 or following school years. Allocations were made based on funding components of the plan for each year. If allocations for 2019-20 activities are not expended by August 31, 2020, they will be returned to the state for future School Redesign Grant recipients.

Thank you for your efforts to date in this endeavor. We look forward to the continued partnership between DESE, the school, and the district. Together we can ensure that all students at Robinson Middle School achieve at their highest level.

If you have any questions about the SRG process, please contact Michael Seymour (mseymour@doe.mass.edu or 781-338-3514).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Russell Johnston".

Russell Johnston, PhD
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