



# WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Mr. Joseph DaSilva, Ph.D, NCARB, REFP  
School Construction Coordinator  
Rhode Island Department of Education  
Office of Statewide Efficiencies  
255 Westminster Street  
Providence, RI 02903

RE: Letter of Intent-Capital Projects Beginning 2017-2018

Dear Mr. DaSilva;

This letter is Warwick Public Schools official notice that the school department has begun the process to undertake significant capital improvements within the district beginning in the 2017-2018 school year.

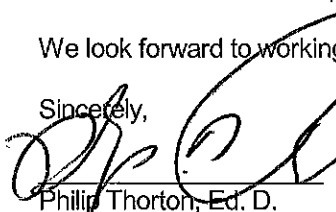
At the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 by a vote of 5-0, they authorized the school's administration to file a letter of intent with the Rhode Island Department of Education (RIDE) in accordance with RIDE's Necessity of School Construction Process. The School Committee's initial approval is to support building renovations and capital improvements to meet student health, safety and energy efficiencies within the remaining school buildings that are to be sustained after completing the consolidation process that is currently underway. The categories to be addressed are; roofs, repairs associated with meeting access guidelines as outlined by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), building energy efficiencies and corresponding asbestos abatement associated with these construction projects.

As you are aware, Warwick Public Schools had recently commissioned and received a district master plan from the firm of Symmes Maini & McKee Associates (SMMA). Within this master plan they had detailed a need to invest \$276.0 million dollars. After consolidation and the inclusion of two projects not originally anticipated, the projected need stands at \$248.8 million dollars. The School Committee's preliminary approval of projects to be completed within the next five years is 36.5% of those reported. The School Committee approved pursuing projects totaling \$90.8 million dollars.


It is our understanding that this letter of intent is only the beginning of the process. Warwick Public Schools will be engaging a consultant to assist in meeting RIDE's requirements associated with both Stage I and Stage II submittals. If anything further is needed, please communicate directly with Mr. Anthony Ferrucci, Executive Director of Finance and Operations for Warwick Public Schools.

We look forward to working with you and your team at RIDE.

Sincerely,

  
Philip Thornton, Ed. D.  
Superintendent

  
Beth Furtado  
School Committee Chairperson

  
Mayor Scott Avedisian  
City of Warwick

Cc: Anthony Ferrucci, Exe. Dir. Finance & Operations  
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