



WARWICK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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RE: Letter of Intent-Capital Projects Beginning 2018-2019

Dear Mr. DaSilva;

This letter is Warwick Public Schools official notice that the school department is picking up where it left off last year in seeking significant capital improvements within the district.

At the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 by a vote of 5-0, the School Committee 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 a 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. The School Committee's ultimate approval was for eighty five million dollars (\$85,000,000) in bonded capital projects.

While the Stage 1 and Stage 2 processes were followed for last year, City Council did not support a bonding time table of voter referendum consideration for November 2017. With that, the bonding question has been put off till January 2018. Warwick Public Schools is committed to seeking City Council support for the bond initiative this school year, 2017-2018 and thus the need to once again initiate state support through housing aid for the projects being pursued.

It is our understanding that this letter of intent is only the beginning of the process. Warwick Public Schools has continued its relationship with SMMA as we prepare both the Stage I and Stage II submittals required by the state of Rhode Island. 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
Edward R. Frenette, AIA SMMA