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Dr. Cheryl McWilliams
Superintendent of Schools

December 15, 2022

Dear Mayor Donald R. Grebien,

On December 8, 2022 the School Committee voted 6-0 to submit a Letter of Intent for our Necessity of School Construction application for the High School. Please find the attached letter.

This letter is being transmitted to you as the RIDE instructions indicate that the letter is to be signed by the Superintendent of Schools, School Committee Chair, and Municipal Representative. I respectfully request that you review and sign the attached.

This letter communicates that Pawtucket will be entering the Necessity of School Construction Program for the High School during this cycle so that we do not miss out on our ability to qualify for the temporary housing aid bonuses, expiring at the end of the 2023 calendar year, that are projected to provide millions of dollars of savings to the City of Pawtucket.

In addition, at the School Committee meeting on November 21, 2022 the School Committee voted to amend Colliers contract to request that they serve as our OPM to complete the RIDE Stage I & II submissions for the high school. The reason that this action was taken was the limited time available to complete this work to ensure we achieve the maximum state funding for the project. This was primarily done to protect Pawtucket taxpayers. We will have the opportunity to go out with a new RFQ at the conclusion of our Stage II submission to select the OPM that will ultimately be responsible for taking Pawtucket through the design and construction phases of this project.

Please let me know when the attached letter is signed and I will get it to RIDE. We look forward to the work on this important investment in our schools.

Sincerely,

Cheryl McWilliams, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

cc: Pawtucket School Committee
Pawtucket City Council
Melissa Devine, CFO
Derek Osterman, Senior Director, Colliers Project Leads

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