## Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Executive Director

November 18, 2015

Mr. Kevin J. Murphy, City Manager City of Lowell Lowell City Hall 375 Merrimack Street, Second Floor, Room 43 Lowell, MA 01852

Re: City of Lowell, Lowell High School

Dear Mr. Murphy:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") has voted to invite the City of Lowell (the "City") to partner with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study for the Lowell High School. The Board's vote follows the City's timely completion of all of the requirements of the MSBA's Eligibility Period.

I do want to emphasize that this invitation to partner on a Feasibility Study is *not* approval of a project, but is strictly an invitation to the City to work with the MSBA to explore potential solutions to the problems that have been identified. Moving forward in the MSBA's process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and communities that "get ahead" of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA's statute, regulations, and policies which require MSBA collaboration and approval at each step of the process.

During the Feasibility Study phase, the City and the MSBA will partner pursuant to the terms of the Feasibility Study Agreement to find the most fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate solution to the problems identified at the Lowell High School. The Feasibility Study, which will be conducted pursuant to the MSBA's regulations and policies, requires the City to work with the MSBA on the procurement of an Owner's Project Manager and Designer, which will help bring the City's Feasibility Study to fruition.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail. In the meantime, however, I wanted to share with you the Board's decision and provide a brief overview of what this means for the City of Lowell.

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I look forward to continuing to work with you as part of the MSBA's grant program. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Cc:

Legislative Delegation

The Honorable Rodney M. Elliot, Mayor, City of Lowell

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