

# Massachusetts School Building Authority

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The Honorable Nicole LaChapelle  
Mayor, City of Easthampton  
Municipal Building  
50 Payson Avenue  
Easthampton, MA 01027

Re: City of Easthampton, Maple Elementary School

Dear Mayor LaChapelle:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") has voted to approve the City of Easthampton (the "City"), as part of its invitation for Feasibility Study, to proceed into schematic design to replace the existing Maple Elementary School, Center Elementary School, Pepin Elementary School, and the existing White Brook Middle School, with a new grades PK-8 facility at the existing White Brook Middle School site (the "proposed project").

It is my understanding that the City anticipates seeking community approval for this proposed project in May 2018. Therefore, it is critical that the City, in conjunction with its Owner's Project Manager and Designer, submit a schedule to the MSBA as soon as possible, which should include: the work plan to complete all of the required documentation for presentation to the MSBA's Board of Directors at a future Board meeting; the date of the City Council meeting(s) at which the proposed project will be considered; and the anticipated design and construction schedule.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail, but in the meantime, I wanted to share with you the Board's vote to approve the City of Easthampton to proceed into schematic design to replace the existing Maple Elementary School, Center Elementary School, Pepin Elementary School, and the existing White Brook Middle School, with a new grades PK-8 facility at the existing White Brook Middle School site.

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

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Sincerely,



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Executive Director

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