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Dr. Carl Kowalski, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Whitman
54 South Avenue
Whitman, MA 02382

Dear Dr. Kowalski:

This letter is written on behalf of the Whitman-Hanson Regional School District Regional School Committee to provide an overview of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Statement of Interest (SOI) process and to request information from Whitman town officials regarding their interest in the submission of a Statement of Interest for a CORE Program project for the Whitman Middle School building.

The Regional School Committee respectfully requests this be placed as an agenda item on the Board of Selectmen's April 9, 2019 regularly scheduled meeting for a review of the MSBA Core Program process in the context of the Whitman Middle School facility. This will allow the Regional School Committee to place the SOI on the agenda for discussion and a formal vote at their scheduled April 10 meeting.

MSBA is accepting Statements of Interest (SOIs) for consideration in Fiscal Year 2019 for their CORE Program, which is for projects beyond the scope of their Accelerated Repair Program. CORE Program projects include buildings that require extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovations, and new school construction. The deadline for the SOI submission is Friday, April 12. The submission of the SOI allows school systems to inform MSBA about building deficiencies and how those deficiencies impact the educational program. The submission of the SOI, authorized by the Regional School Committee, is done by the Superintendent of Schools. Prior to submittal, the SOI must be signed by the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee Chair, and the local chief executive officer. After the SOI is submitted, the MSBA reviews the information in order to gain an understanding of the needs of a particular school facility. The MSBA then works with the District to validate problems and collaborate on possible solutions. The approval process is dependent on the extent and urgency of the problems, the extent and urgency of the problems in relation to other SOIs, the number of solutions that may need to be explored, the time required for MSBA and the District to agree upon a sound solution, and the ability of the District to fund the agreed-upon solution. The MSBA grant system is based on urgency and need, not the time of the SOI submission.

Thank you for your attention to this letter. Please contact us if you have any questions or need additional information. Additional information about the MSBA 2019 Statements of Interest is available on the home page of the MSBA website, www.massschoolbuildings.org.

Sincerely

Jeffrey Szymaniak, Superintendent
Whitman-Hanson RSD

Robert Hayes, Chair
Whitman-Hanson RSD, School Committee

cc: Mr. Frank Lynam, Town Administrator, Whitman
Mr. Richard Anderson, Chair, Finance Committee, Whitman
Whitman-Hanson Regional School Committee

Voting Language for Town of Whitman BOS for Whitman Middle School Statement of Interest with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on April 9, 2019, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Board of Selectmen of Whitman, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated April 12, 2019 for the Whitman Middle School located at 100 Corthell Avenue, Whitman, MA, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/Town/Regional School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.