



March 16, 2016

Katie Green, Chair, Board of Selectmen
Town of Acton
472 Main St.
Acton, MA 01720

Dear Ms. Green:

As indicated below, I am writing to inform the Boards of Selectmen of all of the member towns of the Minuteman Regional Vocational School District (hereinafter "the District") that the Minuteman Regional School Committee, at a meeting held on March 15, 2016, took the following vote pursuant to the agreement establishing the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District and the provisions of Section 16(d) of Chapter 71 of the General Laws:

VOTE: That the Minuteman Regional Vocational Technical School District (the "District") hereby appropriates the amount of \$144,922,478 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and originally equipping a new district school, to be located at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (i) forty four and three quarters percent (44.75%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (ii) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which this vote is adopted, the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Boards of Selectmen of each member town of the District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws. The secretary is further instructed to send the draft warrant article language to the 16 Boards of Selectmen.

Please be advised that member towns **need not take any further action regarding the School Committee vote**. Your Board may choose to simply accept the School's Committee's decision to incur debt for this project. However, your Board may choose to bring this issue to Town Meeting if you believe your town may wish to indicate its disapproval of the School Committee's decision. If no member town votes its disapproval within 60 days of the School Committee vote, the debt will be deemed approved. No further votes in favor of the decision to incur the debt are actually required under the terms of Section 16(d) of M.G.L Chapter 71. The School Committee vote is binding on the District, unless at least one member town votes to disapprove within

60 days. We recognize that most Boards will choose to hear from Town Meeting. In the event you exercise this option, we have prepared a draft motion that we hope will be helpful to you.

Please contact Superintendent Ed Bouquillon at e.bouquillon@minuteman.org or ext. 7301, should you have any procedural questions or need further information.

Sincerely,



David C. Horton, Secretary
Minuteman District School Committee

cc: Steve Ledoux, Town Administrator
Attachment: Suggested Article and Motion

Minuteman Regional Vocational School District
Suggested Forms of Article and Motion for Debt Issue Approval

Article: To see if the Town will approve the amount of \$144,922,478 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and originally equipping a new district school, to be located at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (i) forty four and three quarters percent (44.75%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (ii) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Motion: That the Town hereby approves the \$144,922,478 for the purpose of paying costs of designing, constructing and originally equipping a new district school, to be located at 758 Marrett Road, Lexington, Massachusetts, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the “Project”), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority (“MSBA”), said amount to be expended at the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation, the District is authorized to borrow said amount, under and pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 16(d) of the General Laws, and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the MSBA’s grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA shall not exceed the lesser of (i) forty four and three quarters percent (44.75%) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (ii) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.