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March 2, 2022

Mr. Steven Lamarche, Superintendent
Dudley-Charlton Regional School District
68 Dudley-Oxford Road
Dudley, MA 01571

Re: Dudley-Charlton Regional School District, Shepherd Hill Regional High School

Dear Superintendent Lamarche:

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) Board of Directors voted to invite the Statement of Interest (the “SOI”) for the Shepherd Hill Regional High School in the Dudley-Charlton Regional School District (the “District”) into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period. The 270-day Eligibility Period formalizes and streamlines the beginning of the MSBA’s grant approval process and benefits the District by providing a definitive schedule for the completion of preliminary requirements, assisting with the determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of all activities in the Eligibility Period will allow the District to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to Feasibility Study.

Invitation into the Eligibility Period is *not* an invitation to Feasibility Study. Moving forward in the MSBA’s process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and an invitation to Feasibility Study will require a further vote of the MSBA Board of Directors. Communities that “get ahead” of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. Additionally, the District’s vote by the Board of Directors approving a potential grant will be no sooner than July 1, 2024. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA’s statute and regulations, which require MSBA partnership and approval at each step of the process.

The District’s Eligibility Period will commence on September 1, 2022 and conclude on May 29, 2023. During this time, the District must complete the preliminary requirements in accordance with the schedule on page three of this letter. The first item that requires completion by the District is the Initial Compliance Certification, which will be sent to the District electronically two weeks prior to its commencement date, on August 18, 2022.

The ability of the District to complete the preliminary requirements within the 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. Further, if the District cannot complete the preliminary requirements within the 270-day Eligibility Period, the MSBA will require the

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District to withdraw its SOI, and the District will have to re-file an SOI during the next open SOI filing period and/or when the District has the required financial and community support.

If the District has concerns about meeting any of the deadlines set forth on page three of this letter, please notify the MSBA in writing by September 1, 2022. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the Eligibility Period, please refer to our website (<http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/prerequisites>) and/or contact Sarah Przybylowicz at the MSBA (Sarah.Przybylowicz @MassSchoolBuildings.org).

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John K. McCarthy".

John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Pauline J. Aucoin, Chair, Dudley-Charlton Regional School Committee
File: 10.2 Letters (Region 2)

Eligibility Period Schedule of Deliverables

Dudley-Charlton Regional School District Shepherd Hill Regional High School

MSBA Board of Director Meeting – March 2, 2022

Eligibility Period Commences – September 1, 2022

MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
Deliverable	Days	Due Date and Status
Initial Compliance Certification	30	September 30, 2022 Required
School Building Committee	60	October 31, 2022 Required
Educational Profile Questionnaire	90	November 30, 2022 Required
Online Enrollment Projection	90	November 30, 2022 Required
Enrollment/Certification Executed	180	February 28, 2023 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	February 28, 2023 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	May 29, 2023 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	May 29, 2023 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes – May 29, 2023		

Note: If the District has concerns about meeting any of the following deadlines, please let the MSBA know by September 1, 2022. The MSBA will require districts that are unable to complete the preliminary requirements within the timeframes noted for each to withdraw its SOI and reapply when the District has the financial and community support required.