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Mr. Thomas F. Aubin, Superintendent-Director
Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School District
251 Stonehaven Road
Fall River, MA 02723

Re: Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School District, Diman Regional Vocational
Technical High School

Dear Superintendent Aubin:

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 Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School in the Greater Fall River Regional Vocational 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. 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 July 2, 2018 and conclude on March 29, 2019. 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 the commencement date, on June 18, 2018.

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 District to withdraw its SOI, and the District will have to re-file

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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 on or before July 2, 2018. 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 Jess Deleconio at the MSBA (Jess.Deleconio@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,



John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Paul Jennings, Chair, Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School Committee
File: 10.2 Letters (Region 6)

Eligibility Period Schedule of Deliverables

Greater Fall River Regional Vocational School District
 Diman Regional Vocational Technical High School

MSBA Board of Directors Meeting – December 13, 2017

Eligibility Period Commences – July 2, 2018		
MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
Deliverable	Days	Due Date and Status
Initial Compliance Certification	30	August 1, 2018 Required
School Building Committee	60	August 31, 2018 Required
Educational Profile Questionnaire	90	October 1, 2018 Required
Online Enrollment Projection	90	October 1, 2018 Required
Enrollment/Certification Executed	180	December 31, 2018 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	December 31, 2018 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	March 29, 2019 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	March 29, 2019 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes – March 29, 2019		

Note: If the District has concerns about meeting any of the following deadlines, please let the MSBA know on or before July 2, 2018. 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.