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DATE: February 26, 2025
RE: Statement of Interest for the 2025 Mass. School Building Authority Core Program

In collaboration with the City of Boston Operations Cabinet and Mayor's Office, I am pleased to share with the Boston School Committee our intention to submit a Statement of Interest (SOI) to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) for the 2025 Core Program for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School (Madison Park). The MSBA is a state agency that offers competitive grants to municipalities to support school construction and renovation projects. The MSBA's Core Program addresses extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovations, and new school construction.

Proposal for Madison Park Technical Vocational High School

Revitalizing Madison Park is a top priority of the Mayor and the District with preparations to invest more than ever before into a brand new building and redesigned career pathways. For the first time in Madison Park's history, the City and BPS have advanced a year-long process with community members to develop an updated facilities design vision for Madison and explore new Career and Technical education (CTE) pathways to offer Madison students a direct pathway to stable, well-paid, fulfilling careers in Boston.

In the last few months, after working with a team of experts to understand the cost and feasibility of different redesign scenarios, we have decided that seeking partnership with the MSBA is the clearest route to deliver on the full vision of Madison Park. We have been discussing this strategy with Madison Park stakeholders since the fall, and we provided an update on these plans to the Madison Park community at a public community meeting on January 28, 2025.

A top-notch vocational school is the engine to building a strong, vibrant, and diverse regional economy, and Madison Park will be the gateway for good jobs in Boston to build generational wealth, tackle the racial wealth gap, and ensure that our city is at the forefront of the jobs of the future for generations to come. Redesigning Madison Park is a central piece of the long-term plan to make BPS the first choice for families, with the facilities and programs to meet the needs and aspirations of our students and open up pathways to all of Boston's opportunities.



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Authorizations and Approvals

All MSBA Statements of Interest must be presented to and voted on by the City Council and the Boston School Committee. We are in the process of scheduling a hearing with the City Council before they vote on the proposal in April. All votes and documentation from these activities will be provided as part of the submission to the MSBA.

The Statement of Interest for the facility above describes deficiencies submitted under the following MSBA priorities:

- Priority #4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments;
- Priority #5: 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
- Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

By submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Next Steps

This SOI is an important step toward fulfilling a longstanding commitment to the Madison Park community. I respectfully request a vote on this exciting project at an upcoming School Committee meeting to facilitate prompt submission of the SOI to the MSBA by April 11, 2025 (deadline).