



HAMILTON-WENHAM REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Eric Tracy
Superintendent of Schools

5 School Street
Wenham, MA 01984

April 22, 2025

Ms. Diane Sullivan
Senior Capital Program Manager
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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Dear Ms. Sullivan:

On Thursday, April 17, 2025, the Hamilton-Wenham School Committee discussed the results of the recent funding votes for the HW Cutler School Project. As you may know, the Town Meeting articles failed at both the Hamilton and Wenham Town Meetings on April 5, 2025, but the debt exclusion passed at the ballot in both Towns on April 10, 2025.

In accordance with the MSBA's failed vote policy, the Hamilton-Wenham Regional School District offers the following:

The vote results:

- The Hamilton Town Meeting Results: Vote Failed to Receive $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
- The Wenham Town Meeting Results: Vote Failed to Receive $\frac{2}{3}$ majority.
- The Hamilton Ballot Results: The Ballot Vote passed by simple majority.
 - YES: 1014
 - NO: 1000
- The Wenham Ballot Results: The Ballot Vote passed by simple majority
 - YES: 584
 - NO: 404

The school district's understanding of the reason(s) for the failed vote:

After discussion at the April 17, 2025 School Committee meeting, it was clear that several items were at play, including the projected tax increase associated with the project, misinformation about the MBTA community law, Section 3A of MGL c. 40A, and entanglement with the project, economic uncertainty because of the possibility of Tariffs on building materials, and misinformation about small schools/learning communities within a school.

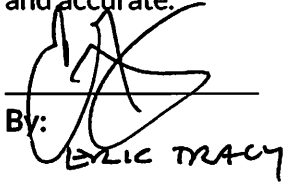
The school district's plan to remedy the failed vote and a suggested timeline for such a remedy.

The School Committee voted 5-1 in favor of requesting that the funding be revisited at the Special Town Meetings within the MSBA's 120-day deadline from the MSBA's Board's February 26, 2025 project approval to obtain and certify local approval for the project funding which is June 26, 2025. Wenham has tentatively scheduled a Special Town meeting for June 9, 2025, and Hamilton has scheduled a Special Town meeting on June 26, 2025.

At the same meeting, the School Committee voted 6-0 in favor of requesting that the Town of Hamilton also add to the June 26th Warrant the Article for the 50-year extension of the Cutler Elementary School property lease.

We request the opportunity to take advantage of the full 120 days to secure funding for the project.

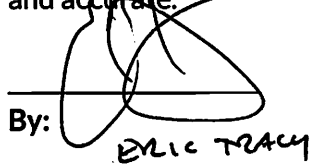
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By: 
ERIC TRACY

Title: Chief Executive Officer

Date: 4/22/25

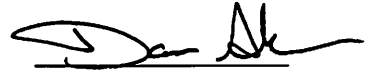
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By: DANA ALLARA

Title: Chair of the School Committee

Date: 4/22/25