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Patrick A. Schettini, Superintendent
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Dear Superintendent Schettini:

The Massachusetts Department of Education has received all of the documentation required to complete the Reading Public School District application for a School Building Assistance (SBA) grant for the High School Addition/Renovation construction project. Based on our review of the project documentation, the Department has determined, in accordance with 603 CMR 38.10, that the project meets all of the requirements for SBA project approval.

Under the provisions of Section 5 of Chapter 70B and 603 CMR 38.10, the Reading Public School District may proceed with construction on the High School Addition/Renovation project at this time without jeopardizing future Board of Education action on your application for a SBA grant award for this project. Please note that this approval to proceed with construction does not guarantee future Board approval of SBA funds for the project.

The Reading High School Addition/Renovation project will be included on the SBA FY04 Priority List in accordance with the priority ranking system outlined in 603 CMR 38.10 (8) and Chapter 70, Section 8 at an estimated reimbursement rate of 59.79%. When the project's priority ranking places it within the available SBA grant authorization for a given fiscal year, the Department will present your grant application to the Board of Education for consideration.

Should you decide to begin construction before SBA funds are authorized, please provide an amended financial form in accordance with Section 38.11(2). Best wishes for the continued success of your planned project.

Sincerely,


David P. Driscoll
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c: Design Partnership Architects
Priority List File