June 7, 2012

Dr. Maureen Marshall, Superintendent
North Middlesex Regional School District
Central Office, 45 Main Street
Pepperell, MA 01463

Re: North Middlesex Regional School District, North Middlesex Regional High School

Dear Dr. Marshall:

I am pleased to report that the Board of the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") voted to invite the North Middlesex Regional School District ("the Regional School District") to collaborate with the MSBA in conducting a Feasibility Study for the North Middlesex Regional High School. The Board’s vote follows the Regional School District’s timely completion of all of the requirements of the MSBA’s Eligibility Period.

I do want to emphasize that this invitation to collaborate on a Feasibility Study is not approval of a project, but is strictly an invitation to the District to work with the MSBA to explore potential solutions to the problems that have been identified. Moving forward in the MSBA’s process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and 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 collaboration and approval at each step of the process.

During the Feasibility Study phase, the Regional School District and the MSBA will collaborate pursuant to the terms of the Feasibility Study Agreement to find the most fiscally responsible and educationally appropriate solution to the problems identified at the North Middlesex Regional High School. The Feasibility Study, which will be conducted pursuant to the MSBA’s regulations, requires the Regional School District to work with the MSBA to procure an Owner’s Project Manager and design professional, who will help bring the Regional School District’s Feasibility Study to fruition.

We will be contacting you soon to discuss these next steps in more detail. In the meantime, however, I wanted to share with you the Board’s decision and provide a brief overview of what this means for the North Middlesex Regional School District.
I look forward to continuing to work with you as part of the MSBA’s grant program. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

cc. Senator Eileen Donoghue
    Senator Jennifer Flannigan
    Representative Sheila Harrington
    Douglas Briggs, Town Administrator, Town of Ashby
    John Moak, Town Administrator, Town of Pepperell
    Andy Sheehan, Town Administrator, Town of Townsend
    Susan Robbins, Chair, North Middlesex Regional School Committee

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