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Mr. Sami S. Baghdady, Chair
Belmont Board of Selectmen
Office of the Board of Selectmen
455 Concord Avenue, 2nd Floor
Belmont, MA 02478

Re: Town of Belmont, Belmont High School

Dear Mr. Baghdady:

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 Belmont High School in the Town of Belmont (the "Town") 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 Town 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 Town to be eligible for an MSBA invitation into 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 Town's Eligibility Period will commence on February 10, 2016 and conclude on November 7, 2016. During this time, the Town must complete the preliminary requirements in accordance with the schedule located on page three of this letter. The first item that requires completion by the Town is the Initial Compliance Certification, which is attached to this letter.

The ability of the Town to complete the preliminary requirements within the 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. Further, if the Town cannot complete the preliminary requirements within the 270-day Eligibility Period, the MSBA will require the Town to withdraw its SOI, and the Town will have to re-file an

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SOI during the next open SOI filing period and/or when the Town has the required financial and community support.

If the Town has concerns about meeting any of the deadlines set forth on page three of this letter, please notify the MSBA in writing by February 10, 2016. 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 Julie Ross at the MSBA (Julie.Ross@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
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