November 15, 2010

TO THE BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Dear City Council Members:

I hereby transmit for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to accept a grant in the amount of $13,000,000 from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, currently held in an escrow account established by the BRA on behalf of the City of Boston, for the purpose of designing, constructing, renovating, and equipping the Quincy Upper School.

I also hereby transmit for your approval an appropriation from the grant in the amount of $550,000 for a feasibility study for the major rehabilitation of the Quincy Upper School. The Statement of Interest for the Quincy Upper School, which was approved by the City Council on June 27, 2007, has been accepted by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Pursuant to MSBA guidelines, the approval, funding, and/or debt authorization for a feasibility study shall be a separate, stand-alone vote, solely for the purposes of the feasibility study, must not be bundled with any other project, and must include specific information about the school that is the subject of the feasibility study.

I urge your Honorable Body to pass this order.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor
ORDERED: That the City accept a grant from the Boston Redevelopment Authority (the “BRA”) in the amount of $13,000,000; said sum currently being held by the BRA in an escrow account established by the BRA on behalf of the City of Boston and committed to the major rehabilitation of the Quincy Upper School or to other purposes as the Mayor and the City Council shall determine.

ORDERED: That the City appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Fifty Thousand ($550,000) Dollars from a grant received from the Boston Redevelopment Authority, said grant having been committed to the City for the major rehabilitation of the Quincy Upper School or any other purposes as determined by the Mayor and the City Council, for a feasibility study for major rehabilitation of the Quincy Upper School, located at 152 Arlington St. and 900 Washington St., Boston, MA, consisting of 45,374 square feet and 27,264 square feet respectively; and that the City acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority’s (“MSBA”) grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the City incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING, IF PASSED IN THE ABOVE FORM, WILL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH LAW.

WILLIAM F. SINKOTT CORPORATION COUNSEL.
Capital Council Order Attachment

1. Quincy Upper School Feasibility Study