



ORDER NO. 2022-041

REQUEST OF THE FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS

UPON THE REQUEST OF THE FRAMINGHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

Having convened in an open meeting on April 5, 2022, prior to the SOI submission closing date, the Framingham City Council, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form dated March 15, 2022 for the Hemenway Elementary School at 729 Water Street, Framingham, MA 01701, which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category(s) for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future:

1. The existing facility, built in 1961, has had minimal investment since it was built. The building systems are nearing the end of their lifespan, requiring significant investment to maintain the existing functions. Additionally, the existing building does not meet current building codes. Any significant investment would require extensive renovation and additional investment to the existing building, which would maintain current functionality and not support further growth;
2. The existing facility is insufficient for the enrollment and curriculum of the Framingham Public Schools. The current Hemenway building is over 20,000 square feet smaller than the MSBA projected needs for the current student enrollment. In addition to being undersized for the current enrollment, the existing building's scale and orientation of spaces are outdated and unable to properly adapt to the needs of contemporary educational service delivery;
3. The Water Street site requires redevelopment in order to meet the needs of a K-5 elementary school. The existing Hemenway building is located on a small lot with significant environmental restrictions, such as a wetland buffer and riparian zone. Additionally, the existing structure is not capable of supporting vertical expansion. A new, space-efficient, multi-story building would be required to meet the needs of a K-5 elementary school under current building codes and zoning;
4. District goals include preschool expansion which cannot be accomplished on the current site in addition to serving K-5 populations. An expanded elementary school

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would require additional student capacity, additional staff and parking, and developmentally appropriate recreational facilities, all in addition to a necessarily expanded elementary program;

5. Additional land is needed to best serve the growing needs of the District. A maximum of 675 students could be served at the Water Street site in a new building, currently serving 550-580 students. It is unlikely that an additional 100 student capacity growth is likely to meet the long-term growth needs of the City of Framingham;

and hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City of Framingham to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

YEAS: Alexander, Bryant, Cannon, King, Leombruno, Long, Mallach, Ottaviani, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present in person or via teleconferencing

PASSED IN COUNCIL: APRIL 5, 2022

A True Record, Attest:

4/6/2022

Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson

Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

4/7/22

Date Approved

Charlie Sisitsky

Charlie Sisitsky, Mayor