



City of Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Mayor
MICHELLE WU

September 22, 2025

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I transmit herewith for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000) for the purpose of paying the costs of a feasibility study and schematic design associated with a project for the Ruth Batson Academy, formally known as the John W. McCormack School, located at 315 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125

This includes the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of the Boston Public Schools.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may proceed with procuring the Owner's Project Manager and Architect to begin the feasibility study activities for this project.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston



CITY OF BOSTON

IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR A FEASIBILITY AND SCHEMATIC DESIGN STUDY FOR A PROJECT AT RUTH BATSON ACADEMY

ORDERED: That the City of Boston (the "City") appropriate the amount of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with the renovation and/or addition or new construction of a facility for the Ruth Batson Academy, formally known as the John W. McCormack School, located at 315 Mount Vernon Street, Dorchester, MA 02125, (the "Project"), including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Public Facilities Department on behalf of Boston Public Schools.

To meet said appropriation the Collector-Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor is authorized to borrow said amount under the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended or supplemented, or any other enabling authority and to issue from time to time, with the approval of the Mayor, bonds, notes or certificates of indebtedness of the City up to said amount, which debt issued hereunder may bear interest at variable rates, as the Collector-Treasurer shall select, be redeemable at the option of the holder thereof, at such price or prices and under such conditions as may be fixed by the Collector-Treasurer with the approval of the Mayor prior to the issuance thereof and contain terms that cause the interest thereon to be subject to federal income taxation. This order shall constitute a declaration of official intent of the City pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.150-2(e) to reimburse expenditures for such projects made from funds established for such purpose as permitted by statute from proceeds of debt incurred by the City pursuant to this Order; and that pursuant to Section 12(b) of Chapter 643 of the Acts of 1983, as amended, if any part of the proceeds of sale of any bonds or notes or other obligations issued by the City under this Order remains unexpended after the work or purpose for which such bonds, notes or other obligations are issued is completed, such proceeds are hereby appropriated and may be applied by the Collector-Treasurer and City Auditor, at the direction of the Mayor, to pay the principal of, and premium and/or interest on such bonds, notes or other obligations or on any debt of the City.

The City of Boston acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the City of Boston incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Boston, and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement relating to the Project that may be executed between the City of Boston and the MSBA.

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

BY

**ADAM CEDERBAUM
CORPORATION COUNSEL**