



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

Committee on Ways and Means  
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## REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

November 29, 2022

Dear Councilors:

The Committee on Ways and Means was referred the following docket for consideration:

***Docket #1344, Message and order authorizing the City of Boston for an appropriation in the amount of One Million Five Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars (\$1,515,000.00) for the purpose of paying cost of a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with roof, boiler and window and door replacement projects at the following schools: the Jeremiah E. Burke High School, English High School, the Dr. William Henderson Upper School, the Dennis C. Haley Elementary School and the Curley K-8 School.***

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu and was referred to the Committee on November 2, 2022.

### ***Summary of Legislation***

**Docket #1344** is an appropriation in the amount of \$1,515,000 for a feasibility study and schematic design work associated with projects at the following schools:

• Jeremiah E. Burke HS	Dorchester	Boilers
• The English HS	Jamaica Plain	Windows and Doors
• William Henderson Upper School	Dorchester	Roof
• Dennis C. Haley ES	Roslindale	Boiler
• Curley K-8 School	Jamaica Plain	Boiler

These repair projects would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program. The City of Boston may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") for these costs.

### ***Information Received at Hearing***

A public hearing was held on this docket on Monday, November 28, 2022. Brian McLaughlin, Project Manager, Public Facilities Department (PFD); Marquis Meca, Assistant Director of Construction; Sam Depina, Deputy Superintendent of Operations, Boston Public Schools (BPS); Indira Alvarez, Chief of Operations, BPS; and Keyla Jackson, Director of Capital Planning, BPS, testified on behalf of the Administration.

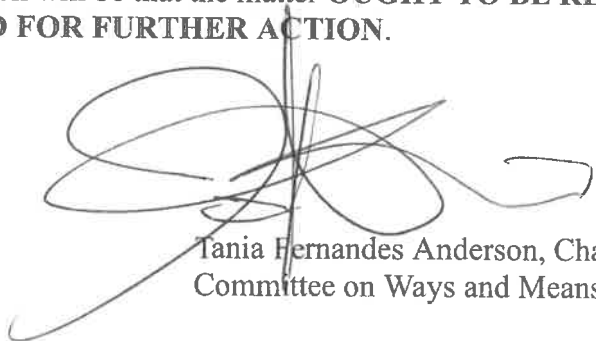
Mr. McLaughlin gave a background of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), which is the State authority that oversees the funding of public school capital projects throughout the Commonwealth, and is funded by one penny of the State sales tax. He explained that the MSBA has two funding programs, the Accelerated Repair Program (ARP), which covers projects involving minor upgrades of roofs, windows/doors, and boilers in otherwise structurally sound facilities; and the Core Program, which covers projects involving extensive repairs, renovations, additions, or new construction.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the City of Boston submitted six ARP projects to the MSBA and were presented to the City Council on April 29, 2022. These projects included the Jeremiah E. Burke High School for boiler repair, The English High School for window and door repair, Curley K-8 School for boiler repair, Haley Elementary School for boiler repair, Henderson Upper School for roof repair, and the Ohrenberger Elementary School for roof repair. The City Council voted to support these submissions to the MSBA on April 27, 2022. The MSBA reviewed all submissions and approved five projects - choosing to exclude the Ohrenberger Elementary School repair project.

Mr. McLaughlin explained that approval of Docket #1344 would appropriate funds to support a feasibility study and schematic design work for these projects. Once approved, the MSBA will assign an Owners Project Manager, and the study and design work will begin Winter of 2023. BPS and PFD are anticipating construction to begin during the Summer of 2024. He noted that this appropriation will need two votes of the City Council.

***Committee Chair Recommended Action***

As Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means, I recommend moving the listed docket from the Committee to the full Council for discussion and formal action. At that time, my recommendation to the full Council will be that the matter **OUGHT TO BE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ASSIGNED FOR FURTHER ACTION.**



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