



City of Boston, Massachusetts

Office of the Mayor
Michelle Wu

March 13, 2023

TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

I hereby transmit for your approval an Order authorizing the City of Boston to submit Statements of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Core Program for the P.A. Shaw Elementary School and the Charles H. Taylor Elementary School pursuant to G.L. c. 70B, § 5. The Statements of Interest describe and explain the deficiencies within each of the school facilities that prevent them from delivering their desired educational program.

Both schools will be submitted for improvements under MSBA Priorities #4, #5 and #7 in the MSBA Core Program. Priority #4 focuses on the prevention of severe overcrowding due to anticipated increased enrollments. Priority #5 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility. Priority #7 is for facilities where the necessary work includes the replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements

The MSBA Core Program is an opportunity to construct a new school facility for a combined Shaw-Taylor community. Combining a small, single-strand school with a larger school with more diverse programming creates an opportunity to build on the assets of each school community, creating a more inclusive, more sustainable school for the long term. While we move forward with plans to create a two-campus school in the short term, this Statement of Interest would begin the process of building a safe, healthy, inspiring, and energy-efficient facility for a unified Shaw-Taylor community. It also fulfills a commitment that BPS made several years ago, and that I have promised to uphold through the Green New Deal for BPS, to construct a new pre-K to sixth grade elementary school in the Southern Dorchester/Mattapan neighborhood.

I urge your Honorable Body to adopt this Order as soon as possible so that the City of Boston may submit the Statements of Interest expeditiously and continue the process of seeking funds for the improvement of these school facilities within the City of Boston.

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER AUTHORIZING BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO SUBMIT STATEMENTS OF INTEREST TO THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY FOR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS FOR P.A. SHAW ELEMENTARY AND CHARLES TAYLOR ELEMENTARY

ORDERED: Having convened in an open meeting prior to April 14, 2023, the City Council of the City of Boston, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent of Boston Public Schools to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statements of Interest dated on or before April 14, 2023 for the following schools, pursuant to G.L. c. 70B, § 5:

Schools	Address	City	State	Zip
P.A. Shaw Elementary School	429 Norfolk Street	Dorchester	MA	02124
Charles H. Taylor Elementary School	1060 Morton Street	Mattapan	MA	02126

The Statements of Interest for the facilities listed above describe deficiencies submitted under Priority #4: Prevention of severe overcrowding expected to result from increased enrollments; Priority #5: Replacement, renovation or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility; and Priority #7: Replacement of or addition to obsolete buildings in order to provide for a full range of programs consistent with state and approved local requirements.

The City Council hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting the Statement of Interest Forms, 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 Boston to file an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

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

BY _____

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CORPORATION COUNSEL