



# BOSTON CITY COUNCIL

## Committee on Ways & Means

Tania Fernandes Anderson, *Chair*

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### REPORT OF COMMITTEE CHAIR

January 31, 2023

Dear Councilors:

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

***Docket #0111 Message and order for your approval an order authorizing the City of Boston to appropriate an amount of Twenty One Million Six Hundred Thousand Dollar (\$21,600,000.00) for the purpose of paying the cost of a design and construction associated with boiler, windows and door replacement projects at the following schools: Boston Day and Evening Academy, Henderson Upper School, Rafael Hernandez School and William E. Russell School.***

This matter was sponsored by Mayor Michelle Wu, and was referred to the Committee on January 11, 2023.

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

**Docket #0111** is an appropriation in the amount of \$21,600,000 for the purpose of paying the costs of a design and construction associated with projects at the following schools:

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| ● Boston Day and Evening Academy | Roxbury    | Windows and Doors |
| ● William Henderson Upper School | Dorchester | Partial Boiler    |
| ● Rafael Hernandez School        | Roxbury    | Windows and Doors |
| ● William E. Russell             | Dorchester | 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 Tuesday, January 31, 2023. Sam Depina, Deputy Superintendent of Operations Boston Public Schools, Marquis Meca, Assistant Director of Construction, Public Facilities Department (PFD), Brian McLaughlin, Senior Project Manager, PFD, and Helene Guezennec, Project Manager, PFD all 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

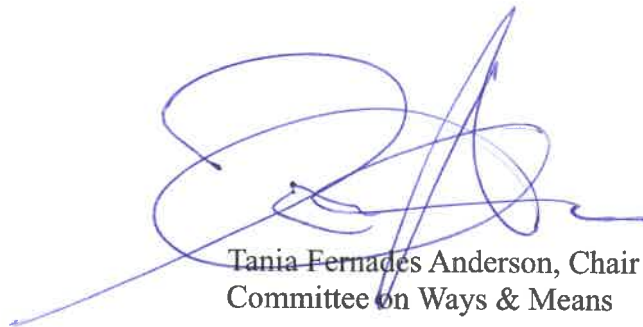
Program, which covers projects involving extensive repairs, renovations, additions, or new construction.

Mr. McLaughlin stated that the City Council voted to support the following project submission to the MSBA on February 2021: the replacement of windows and doors at the Boston Day and Evening Academy in Roxbury, replacement of partial boiler for the Henderson Upper School in Dorchester, replacement of windows and doors at the Rafael Hernandez School in Roxbury, and a boiler replacement at the William E. Russell School in Dorchester. These four projects were approved by the MSBA Board for the Accelerated Repair Program at their December 21, 2022 Board Meeting.

Mr. McLaughlin explained once this appropriation is approved by the City Council, the consultant team will complete the design. He is anticipating these projects to be put out to bid in the Fall of 2023 and for construction to begin in the Summer of 2024.

***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 this time, my recommendation is that this matter **OUGHT TO BE READ FOR THE FIRST TIME AND ASSIGNED FOR FURTHER ACTION.**



Tania Fernandes Anderson, Chair  
Committee on Ways & Means