



Massachusetts School Building Authority

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Mr. Andres T. Rojas, Chair
Belmont Board of Selectmen
Belmont Town Offices
455 Concord Avenue
Belmont, MA 02478

Re: Town of Belmont FY2014 SOI Status

Dear Mr. Rojas:

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) would like to thank the Town of Belmont (the “District”) for expressing an interest in the MSBA’s program for school building construction, renovation, and repair grants through the Fiscal Year 2014 Statement of Interest (the “SOI”) process.

Overall, the MSBA received 108 SOIs from 72 different school districts for consideration in Fiscal Year 2014. In reviewing SOIs, the MSBA identifies the school facilities that have the greatest and most urgent need based on an assessment of the entire cohort of SOIs that are received for consideration each fiscal year.

Through the MSBA’s due diligence process and review of the 108 FY 2014 SOIs that were received, the MSBA has determined that the Belmont High School SOI will not be invited into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period at this time.

If the District would like this school to be considered for future collaboration with the MSBA, the District should file an SOI in an upcoming fiscal year. The MSBA will be accepting SOIs for consideration in FY 2015 starting on January 9, 2015. There will be some minor changes to the FY 2015 SOI process with information to follow. If your District is planning on submitting an SOI in FY 2015 you may want to notify your school committee and other local governing board of your intentions, as both local governing bodies will vote to approve submission of an SOI prior to the following closing dates:

- The SOI closing date for districts submitting under the Accelerated Repair Program, which is primarily for the repair and/or replacement of windows, roofs, and/or boilers in an otherwise structurally sound facility, will be February 13, 2015.

- The SOI closing date for districts submitting under the Core Program, which is primarily for projects beyond the scope of Accelerated Repair, including extensive repairs, renovations, addition/renovations, and new school construction will be April 10, 2015.

The MSBA is proud to have collaborated with the Town of Belmont on the Roger E. Wellington Elementary School project. The MSBA remains committed to collaborating and partnering with the District to better understand any other school facility issues in the District.

The MSBA will be sending more detailed information regarding the FY 2015 SOI process to Districts in the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact me or Diane Sullivan at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Laurie Slap, Chair, Belmont School Committee
John P. Phelan, Superintendent, Belmont Public Schools