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Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez
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Dear Chairman Rodriguez:

At the Permanent Municipal Building Committee's March 31, 2025 meeting we approved a request to the Town Council to increase the Board of Education $8,550,000 Roof Replacement and Various School Projects by an additional $1,250,000; bringing the total requested Bond Authorization to $9,800,000 to proceed with the Juliet W. Long Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning System Project.

The request to the Town to consider increasing the Bond Authorization was based on the following:

- The results of rebid #LPS-24-9 (Ledyard Public Schools HVAC Replacement); for which three bids were received.
- The rebid allowed Contractors the ability to complete the project over the summer of 2025 and 2026, during school holidays and breaks, and with limited work while school is in session.
- The initial estimate for the project was $2,225,000. Nutmeg Companies Inc., in the amount of $2,673,520 was the low bidder to the project rebid. Based upon the rebid results, the total revised cost estimate provided by Friar Architecture for the project is $3,362,656. Additional estimated costs beyond that were added for bonding and insurance resulting in a revised estimated budget of $3,475,000.
- The HVAC Project at Juliet W. Long School will need to be completed by December 31, 2026 (extended from the original date of December 31,2025) for the town to be eligible to receive reimbursement in the amount of 61.78% of eligible project costs up to $2,225,000. The maximum grant reimbursement would be 61.78% of eligible project costs or $1,374,605. Project cost over $2,225,000 will not be eligible for State reimbursement.
- Nutmeg Companies, Inc., indicated that work can be complete by December 2025 if work can begin this summer. It should be noted that if work is unable to commence in Summer 2025, escalation costs will be incurred.

As you are aware the PMBC and Ledyard Public Schools have solicited bids for this project several times, and each time the project has come in higher than the estimated amount based on a number of issues which included the need to redesign the HVAC System to meet the State's new grant eligibility guidelines.

The PMBC Respectfully requests the Town Council take the necessary steps to obtain Bond Authorization Documents and to present this request for a supplemental authorization in the amount of $1,250,000 to the townspeople at the May 20, 2025 Annual Budget Referendum, in an effort to get this project underway at the end of this school year.

Although there is not a guarantee that the Contractor will be able to get materials ordered, delivered and on-site by June, 2025 to begin their work to install the HVAC System at Juliet W. Long School, time is of the essence in an effort to try and comply with the State's December 2026 deadline, otherwise Ledyard would forgo our eligibility for the Grant Reimbursement funding.

Members of the PMBC will make themselves available to answer questions, and or attend meetings to help the Town Council understand the urgency of our request, and to assist with working to get the Juliet W. Long HVAC Project underway and to the finish line.

The Town Council's prompt attention and consideration regarding this important request would be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,

Joseph Gush
Chairman
Permanent Municipal Building Committee

Enclosures: Nutmeg Companies Inc. Bid Document, Friar Architecture Budget Tabulation
cc: Mayor Fred B. Allyn III, Superintendent Jason Hartling, Board of Education Members, Finance Director, BOE Facilities Director