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TO: Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *Angélica Infante Green*

SUBJECT: Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Middletown

The Council on Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program and the SBA Capital Fund. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and / or new construction components.

At this meeting, the Council is being asked to approve a Necessity of School Construction application. A chart summarizing the projects is provided in Attachment 1.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling \$207,141,672 pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share is expected to be \$72,499,585 excluding interest and potential bonuses):

Middletown:

- a. Major Projects: New Construction / Renovation and Additions**
 - i. Middletown Middle / High School** **\$170,486,682**
 - ii. Middletown Elementary School** **\$26,879,690**
- b. Renovations and Repairs**
 - i. Aquidneck Elementary School** **\$5,486,455**
 - ii. Forest Avenue Early Childhood Learning Center** **\$4,288,845**

SUMMARY: FY 2024 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

MIDDLETOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2024 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
New Construction, Renovations and Repairs	Construction of new comprehensive middle/high school with expanded CTE space.	Proposed renovations and new construction will enable the district to consolidate facilities, provide educational enhancements, and improve energy efficiency, asset protection and school safety across the district.	BOND	\$190,000,000	\$66,500,000	\$94,430,000
	Renovations to existing high school to support conversion into elementary school and district administrative offices, including site, building systems, finishes and envelope improvements.		Base Rate - 35%			
	Renovations to existing lower elementary school to support early childhood center program including building systems, finishes and envelope improvements.		Maximum Rate - 55% ***		\$104,500,000	\$148,390,000
			CAPITAL RESERVE	\$17,141,672	\$5,999,585	n/a
			Base Rate - 35%			
			Maximum Rate - 55% ***		\$9,427,920	n/a

* State share ratio is based on FY2024 calculation, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-41(b).

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest.

*** District may be eligible for a maximum of 20% additional reimbursement, pursuant to RIGL 16-7-40.