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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education
FROM: Angélica Infante-Green, Commissioner *Angélica Infante Green*
SUBJECT: *Get the Foam Out!*

The Fiscal Year 2023 State Budget included a \$50M allocation to the School Building Authority (SBA) Capital Fund, designed to provide upfront funding for projects. The SBA Capital Fund, consistent with statute and the Basic Education Plan, is used to support public school improvements to ensure that funding has the greatest impact on achievement gaps in the State’s priority areas, providing high-quality educational opportunities for all public students. The *Get the Foam Out!* initiative will enhance environmental awareness and help support LEAs comply with the forthcoming Styrofoam ban, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §21-27.3-2. This grant program will help LEAs start to eliminate the 11.5 million single use trays that are used each year in Rhode Island schools.

Consistent with R.I.G.L. §16-105-1(a) and §16-105-3(1), *Get the Foam Out!* will provide LEAs with funding for reusable service ware, transition to compostable service ware, food diversion, and other sustainability initiatives that will help the environment.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council approves the allocation of \$2,661,793 of the Fiscal Year 2024 SBA Capital Fund as follows:

Get the Foam Out!:

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| Beacon Charter | \$23,198 |
| Blackstone Academy | \$38,300 |
| Bristol-Warren | \$88,037 |
| Burrillville | \$72,195 |
| Central Falls | \$381,500 |
| Charette Charter | \$15,550 |
| Chariho | \$68,684 |
| Compass School | \$22,398 |
| Cumberland | \$23,015 |
| East Greenwich | \$145,000 |
| Johnston | \$57,327 |
| Lincoln | \$446,216 |
| Little Compton | \$75,950 |
| Middletown | \$100,380 |
| Narragansett | \$13,536 |

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| Newport | \$9,040 |
| North Kingstown | \$165,662 |
| North Providence | \$74,000 |
| Nuestro Mundo | \$44,225 |
| Providence | \$348,996 |
| RI School for Deaf | \$163,001 |
| Scituate | \$15,996 |
| Smithfield | \$167,040 |
| South Kingstown | \$7,654 |
| Tiverton | \$85,230 |
| Westerly | \$9,663 |