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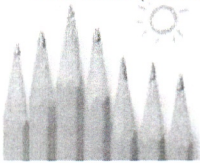
An Order to authorize the Mayor to expend a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) grant to replace the Amesbury Elementary School (AES) with a new building.

Summary: This grant (of up to \$23,942,384) from MSBA was received in September 2019. It was never submitted to City Council for acceptance and authorization to spend by the previous administration.

**Be it Ordered by the City Council of the City of Amesbury assembled,
and by the authority of the same as follows:**

That the City of Amesbury authorizes the Mayor to expend a Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) grant to replace the Amesbury Elementary School (AES) with a new building for an amount not to exceed \$23,942,384.

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Amesbury Awarded \$23.9M Grant for Elementary School

9/12/19

BOSTON - State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg, Chair of the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), and MSBA Executive Director/Deputy CEO John K. McCarthy announced today that the MSBA Board of Directors voted to approve a grant of up to \$23,942,384 for a project to replace the current school with a new Amesbury Elementary School to be located on the Cashman Elementary School site, servicing students in grades PK-2. One of the next steps is for the District and the MSBA to enter into a Project Funding Agreement, which will detail the project's scope and budget, along with the conditions under which the District will receive its MSBA grant.

"Upon completion, this project will provide a new 21st century learning environment for students in Amesbury," Treasurer Goldberg said. "Our goal is to create the best space to deliver the District's educational commitments and goals."

The proposed project would create a new 98,195 square foot facility with an enrollment of 425 students in grades PK-2, on the Cashman Elementary School site. The District had reported in their Statement of Interest, that the current structure suffers from building envelope issues as well as deficiencies in mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems. In addition to the physical plant issues, the District reported that the existing facility does not support the delivery of its educational program as well as existing and projected overcrowding.

"Amesbury students will soon have a beautiful new space which will undoubtedly enhance and improve their ability to excel in the classroom," stated Executive Director/Deputy CEO McCarthy.

The MSBA partners with Massachusetts communities to support the design and construction of educationally appropriate, flexible, sustainable and cost-effective public school facilities. Since its 2004 inception, the Authority has made over 1,750 site visits to more than 250 school districts as part of its due diligence process and has made over \$13.8 billion in reimbursements for school construction projects.