



# TOWN OF STOUGHTON

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March 4, 2025

Mr. Thomas J. Calter, Town Manager  
Town of Stoughton  
Stoughton Town Hall  
10 Pearl Street, Third Floor  
Stoughton, MA 02072

Re: Town of Stoughton, South Elementary School

Dear Mr. Calter:

The Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") is issuing this letter in response to the letter from the Town of Stoughton (the "District") dated February 2, 2025, regarding the South Elementary School Project (the "Project"). Previously, in a letter dated August 13, 2024, the MSBA granted the District an extension of an additional 223 days beyond the initial 120-day deadline to secure local funding for the Project.

In its letter, the District references the initial extension through April 3, 2025, granted by the MSBA following the failed ballot-debt exclusion vote held on June 11, 2024, and indicates additional time, beyond April 3, 2025, is necessary due to a local error in calculating the town-by-law dictating the time between the annual election and the annual town meeting. A new date for the annual election has been established and confirmed for April 8, 2025. To provide sufficient time to certify the vote actions on April 8, 2025, the District is requesting time through April 22, 2025.

At the MSBA Board of Directors meeting on February 26, 2025, staff presented the status of the Project and its support for a total of 27 additional days, to reach April 30, 2025, for the District to conclude with its local actions and approvals to secure project funding. With this additional extension, the MSBA is requesting a letter from the District by April 30, 2025, either confirming that the revote was successful and providing a certified copy of the vote or indicating that the District would like its Statement of Interest for South Elementary School to be removed from the Capital Pipeline at the MSBA's Board of Directors meeting on June 26, 2025.

If the District is unable to secure voter approval by April 30, 2025, for the Project as authorized by the MSBA Board of Directors, the District will have to remove its current Statement of Interest and submit a new Statement of Interest and await a second invitation from the MSBA to enter the grant program. If the MSBA Board of Directors were to issue such a second invitation, the MSBA would require that the District:

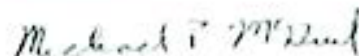
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- start the process anew, including the completion of Eligibility Period requirements and the selection processes for an owner's project manager and designer; and,
- perform a new feasibility study and schematic design for the South Elementary School without financial participation from the MSBA for these phases of the work.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Carley Belfield ([Carley.Belfield@MassSchoolBuildings.org](mailto:Carley.Belfield@MassSchoolBuildings.org)) at 617-720-4466.

Sincerely,



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Director of Capital Planning

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