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Superintendent Laurie Casna, J.D.
Central Berkshire Regional School District
254 Hinsdale Road
Dalton, MA 01226

Re: Central Berkshire Regional School District, Wahconah Regional High School

Dear Superintendent Casna:

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the “MSBA”) Board of Directors voted to invite the Statement of Interest (the “SOI”) for the Wahconah Regional High School in the Central Berkshire Regional School District (the “District”) into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period. The 270-day Eligibility Period formalizes and streamlines the beginning of the MSBA’s grant approval process and benefits the District by providing a definitive schedule for the completion of preliminary requirements, assisting with the determination of financial and community readiness, and identifying needs for planning and budgeting. Successful completion of all activities in the Eligibility Period will allow the District to be eligible for an MSBA invitation to Feasibility Study.

Invitation into the Eligibility Period is **not** an invitation to Feasibility Study. Moving forward in the MSBA’s process requires collaboration with the MSBA, and an invitation to Feasibility Study will require a further vote of the MSBA Board of Directors. Communities that “get ahead” of the MSBA without MSBA approval will not be eligible for grant funding. To qualify for any funding from the MSBA, local communities must follow the MSBA’s statute and regulations, which require MSBA partnership and approval at each step of the process.

The District’s Eligibility Period will commence on August 3, 2016 and conclude on June 1, 2017. During this time, the District must complete the preliminary requirements in accordance with the schedule on page three of this letter. The first item that requires completion by the Town is the Initial Compliance Certification, which is attached to this letter.

The ability of the District to complete the preliminary requirements within the 270 days does not guarantee an invitation into the MSBA Capital Pipeline. Further, if the District cannot complete the preliminary requirements within the 270-day Eligibility Period, the MSBA will require the District to withdraw its SOI, and the District will have to re-file

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an SOI during the next open SOI filing period and/or when the District has the required financial and community support.

If the District has concerns about meeting any of the deadlines set forth on page three of this letter, please notify the MSBA in writing by August 3, 2016. If you have questions or would like additional information regarding the Eligibility Period, please refer to our website (<http://www.massschoolbuildings.org/building/prerequisites>) and/or contact Jess Deleconio at the MSBA (Jess.Deleconio@MassSchoolBuildings.org).

I look forward to continuing to work with you throughout the MSBA's grant program process. As always, feel free to contact me or my staff at (617) 720-4466 should you have any questions.

Sincerely,



John K. McCarthy
Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation
Shawn Armacost, Chair, Central Berkshire School Committee
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File: 10.2 Letters (Region 1)

**Eligibility Period
 Schedule of Deliverables**

**Central Berkshire Regional School District
 Wahconah Regional High School**

MSBA Board of Director Meeting – July 20, 2016

Eligibility Period Commences – August 3, 2016		
MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period		
Deliverable	Days	Due Date and Status
Initial Compliance Certification	30	September 2, 2016 Required
School Building Committee	60	October 3, 2016 Required
Educational Profile Questionnaire	90	November 1, 2016 Required
Online Enrollment Projection	90	November 1, 2016 Required
Enrollment/Certification Executed	180	January 30, 2017 Required
Maintenance and Capital Planning Information	180	January 30, 2017 Required
Local Vote Authorization	270	June 1, 2017 Required
Feasibility Study Agreement	270	June 1, 2017 Required
Eligibility Period Concludes – June 1, 2017		

Note: If the District has concerns about meeting any of the following deadlines, please let the MSBA know by August 3, 2016. The MSBA will require Districts that are unable to complete the preliminary requirements within the timeframes noted for each to withdraw its SOI and reapply when the District has the financial and community support required.