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March 2, 2022

Dr. Thomas J. Hickey, Superintendent-Director South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District 476 Webster Street Hanover, MA 02339

Re: South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District, South Shore Technical High School

Dear Dr. Hickey:

I am pleased to report that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") Board of Directors has voted to invite the Statement of Interest (the "SOI") for the South Shore Technical High School in the South Shore Regional Vocational Technical 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. Additionally, the District's vote by the Board of Directors approving a potential grant will be no sooner than July 1, 2024. 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 April 4, 2022 and conclude on December 30, 2022. 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 District is the Initial Compliance Certification, which will be sent to the District electronically two weeks prior to its commencement date, on March 21, 2022.

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

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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 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 April 4, 2022. 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 Allison Sullivan at the MSBA (Allison.Sullivan@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 Milas

John K. McCarthy Executive Director

Cc: Legislative Delegation Robert P. Heywood, Chair, South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School Committee File: 10.2 Letters (Region 6) Page 3 March 2, 2022 South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District Eligibility Period Board Action Letter

## Eligibility Period Schedule of Deliverables

## South Shore Regional Vocational Technical School District South Shore Technical High School

| Eligibility Period Commences – April 4, 2022                         |      |                     |
|--|------|---------------------|
| MODULE ONE - Eligibility Period                                      |      |                     |
| Deliverable  | Days | Due Date and Status |
| Initial Compliance Certification                                     | 30   | May 4, 2022         |
|  |      | Required            |
| School Building Committee  | 60   | June 3, 2022        |
|  |      | Required            |
| Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education<br>Viability Documentation | 90   | July 5, 2022        |
|  |      | Required            |
| Educational Profile Questionnaire                                    | 90   | July 5, 2022        |
|  |      | Required            |
| Online Enrollment Projection   | 90   | July 5, 2022        |
|  |      | Required            |
| Enrollment/Certification Executed                                    | 180  | September 30, 2022  |
|  |      | Required            |
| Maintenance and Capital Planning Information                         | 180  | September 30, 2022  |
|  |      | Required            |
| Local Vote Authorization   | 270  | December 30, 2022   |
|  |      | Required            |
| Feasibility Study Agreement  | 270  | December 30, 2022   |
|  |      | Required            |
| Eligibility Period Concludes – December 30, 2022                     |      |                     |

## MSBA Board of Directors Meeting – March 2, 2022

Note: If the District has concerns about meeting any of the following deadlines, please let the MSBA know by April 4, 2022. 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.