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Mr. Adam Chapdelaine, Town Manager
Town of Arlington
730 Massachusetts Avenue Annex
Arlington, MA 02476

Re: Town of Arlington, Arlington High School

Dear Mr. Chapdelaine:

I would like to thank you and your team again for continuing to work with Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") staff towards the most educationally appropriate and cost effective solution for the Proposed Project related to the Statement of Interest filed for Arlington High School. This letter is a follow up to previous correspondence dated November 30, 2016 regarding the enrollment projection for the Proposed Project, and in particular, the meetings between the District and the MSBA held on October 27, 2016 and December 21, 2016.

A detailed explanation of the MSBA's enrollment projection and recommendation for 1,635 students in grades 9-12 at Arlington High School has been provided through previous correspondence, and accordingly, has not been included as part of this communication. I would like, however, to detail additional analyses that have been performed on the projection based on discussions and new information provided by the District that has had an impact on the MSBA's recommended design enrollment previously communicated to the District.

Further adjustments have been made to the design enrollment recommendation as a result of continued discussions with the District, the first of which concerns fluctuations to the out-of-district enrollment patterns of the District's residents over time. In the initial recommendation, the MSBA adjusted the grade-to-grade survival ratios for grades 9-12 by a total of 3.3% throughout a four year period in the projection. As a result of continued discussions with the District, given the higher than normal number of students that currently choice-out in grades 9-12 in Arlington, a more robust adjustment is applicable to account for more of those students returning to the District upon completion of a project at Arlington High School. Accordingly, the MSBA increased the adjustment to the grade-to-grade survival ratios for grades 9-12 by a total of 5.6% throughout a four year period in the projection. This adjustment added approximately 40 students to the average grade 9-12 enrollment as compared to the initial recommendation of 20 students for a total adjustment of 60 students.

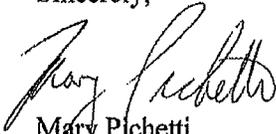
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Based on the discussions between the District and the MSBA, the MSBA made a second adjustment to the previous recommendation by adjusting the base model to use the average future enrollment projected over a 20 year period. This adjustment added approximately 80 students to the average grade 9-12 enrollment as compared to the projection without this adjustment.

Based on the above, the MSBA recommends an updated design enrollment of 1,755 students for the Arlington High School project. An updated enrollment certification is attached. As discussed, in order to be considered for a recommendation for invitation to Feasibility Study at the MSBA's February 15, 2017 Board of Directors meeting, please sign and return the certification by January 20, 2017 to confirm agreement on this design enrollment. If the District requires additional time or would like to continue to discuss this design enrollment recommendation, please contact us.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me or Mercy Muya (Mercy.Muya@massschoolbuildings.org) at 617-720-4466.

Sincerely,



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Director of Capital Planning

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File: 1.2 Enrollment Projections (Region 4)

**MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY
TOWN OF ARLINGTON
ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
DESIGN ENROLLMENT CERTIFICATION**

As a result of a collaborative analysis with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") of enrollment projections and space capacity needs for the proposed project at Arlington High School, the Town of Arlington hereby acknowledges and agrees that the design of the proposed project at Arlington High School shall be based on an enrollment of no more than 1,755 students in grades 9-12. The Town of Arlington further acknowledges and agrees that, pursuant to 963 CMR 2.00 *et seq.*, the MSBA shall determine the square feet per student space allowance and total square footage for a high school serving 1,755 students in grades 9-12. The Town of Arlington acknowledges and agrees that it has no right or entitlement to any particular design enrollment, square feet per student space allowance, or total square footage and that it has no right or entitlement to a design enrollment any greater than 1,755 students for Arlington High School, and further acknowledges and agrees that it shall not bring any claim or action, legal or equitable, against the MSBA, or any of its officers or employees, for the purpose of obtaining an increase in the design enrollment of Arlington High School that it has acknowledged and agreed to herein. The Town of Arlington further acknowledges and agrees that, among other things, the design enrollment, square feet per student space allowance, and total square footage of Arlington High School shall be subject to the approval of the MSBA's Board and that the final approval of a proposed project at Arlington High School shall be within the sole discretion of the MSBA's Board.

The undersigned, for themselves and the Town of Arlington, hereby certify that they have read and understand the contents of this Design Enrollment Certification and that each of the above statements is true, complete and accurate. The undersigned also hereby certify that they have been duly authorized by the appropriate governmental body to execute this Certification on behalf of the Town of Arlington and to bind the Town of Arlington to its terms.



Chief Executive Officer



Duly Authorized Representative of School Committee

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Superintendent of Schools

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