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*Superintendent*

**New Haven School Change**  
NEW HAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Honorable Tyisha Walker, President of the Board of Alders  
City of New Haven  
165 Church Street  
New Haven, Connecticut 06510

April 14, 2015

Re: Approval to File ED049 Grant Applications with the State Department of Education for:

- Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications Lab School Project

Dear Alder Walker:

The Master Plan for school facilities was updated in 2000 and several times over subsequent years, including most recently in March 2013. The current Plan was provided to the BOA in March 2013. The Master Plan reviewed the remaining renovation and/or new construction projects in the school construction program. The following construction project is being requested consistent with the recommendations in the Master Plan update. The ED049 grant application for this project was approved by the Citywide School Building Committee on December 11, 2014 and approved by the Board of Education on February 23, 2015.

This project was approved by the State Legislature in June 2014, with the stipulation that the City approve and file the requisite application documents before June 30, 2015. Pursuant to State statute the filing now needs to be authorized by the Board of Alders, so the grant application can be filed with the State Department of Education in a timely fashion, reviewed by the Department, and placed on its priority list of school construction projects.

Details on the proposed project follow.

**Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communications Lab School Project**

This project involves the construction of a new preK-4 laboratory school on the SCSU campus.

The school will be a laboratory school operated in conjunction with the Education School at SCSU. The purpose of the laboratory school is to teach both the preK-4 students as well as the SCSU students who will be future elementary school teachers themselves. As such the school will have unique classroom layouts to allow for observations by SCSU staff and students who will be collaborating with New Haven staff and teachers.

The school will house 455 preK-4 students in 24 classrooms (4 classrooms per grade) plus ancillary spaces such as music, art, reheating kitchen, cafeteria, gymnasium, stage and a library

media center and will serve students from both New Haven and Hamden. Also to be provided are support service rooms, including but not limited to a teachers' room, administrative offices, and offices for such functions as a social worker, nurse, and school psychologist. Additionally, the school will also provide resource space for SCSU staff. The building will be approximately 65,000 gross square feet / 62,000 net square feet upon completion.

The school is currently operating at 130 Orchard St., which is 'overflow' space. Due to the partnership with the Education School at SCSU the school's location would be best served by being located on the SCSU campus. In 2012 SCSU undertook a Feasibility Study to determine the most favorable site for this school and that study identified the southern end of Farnham Avenue (aka Parking Lot 8) as being best suited for this project. Consequently, no site acquisition cost is anticipated for this project. The anticipated project cost is \$45 million, which has already been approved by the State Legislature. The City's reimbursement rate for this project is 79%.

Since the State has already approved this grant, the BOA approval will complete the application process to the State Department of Education. Architects would then be selected for each project and School-Based Building Advisory Committees formed, with neighborhood, school and other representation.

Thank you for your consideration of this request for your authorization to file ED049 grant application with the State Department of Education for the above-described project. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this application and project.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Garth Harries", with a stylized flourish underneath.

Garth Harries  
Superintendent

c: Mayor Toni Harp  
Alder Richard Furlow, Ward 27  
Alder Brian Wingate, Ward 29  
Alder Carlton Staggers, Ward 30  
Daryl Jones  
Will Clark  
Robert Lynn

RESOLUTION OF THE NEW HAVEN BOARD OF ALDERS AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN ED049 GRANT APPLICATION WITH THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A STRONG 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY COMMUNICATION LAB SCHOOL PROJECT

WHEREAS, the Citywide School Building Committee at its meeting of December 11, 2014, approved the filing of an ED049 grant application with the State Department of Education for a new project for the Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication Lab School; and

WHEREAS, the New Haven Board of Education at its meeting of February 23, 2015, approved the filing of an ED049 grant application with the State Department of Education for a new project for the Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication Lab School.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to file applications with the State of Connecticut to seek school construction grant funding in the name of the City of New Haven Board of Education for the new project for the Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication Lab School project;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Education be authorized to establish a building committee for the identified project; and to prepare schematic drawings, outline specifications, and other forms required by the State of Connecticut Department of Education.

FINALLY, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to apply to the State Department of Education for assistance in the name of the City of New Haven for the identified project.

# **PRIOR NOTIFICATION FORM**

## **NOTICE OF MATTER TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE BOARD OF ALDERS**

TO (list applicable aldermen/women): **Honorable Members of the Board of  
Alders** \_\_\_\_\_

WARDS # \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: **April 14, 2015**

FROM: Department/Office New Haven Public Schools  
Person Robert Lynn Telephone 946-6809

This is to inform you that the following matter affecting your ward(s) will be submitted to the Board of Aldermen in the near future:

*Resolution of the New Haven Board Of Alders Authorizing the Filing of ED049 Grant Application with the State Department of Education for: a new preK-4 construction project on the SCSU campus known as the Strong 21<sup>st</sup> Century Communication Lab School.*

Check one if this an appointment to a commission

☐ Democrat

☐ Republican

☐ Unaffiliated/Independent/Other \_\_\_\_\_

### **INSTRUCTIONS TO DEPARTMENTS**

1. Departments are responsible for sending this form to the alderperson(s) affected by the item.
2. This form must be sent (or delivered) directly to the alderperson(s) **before** it is submitted to the Legislative Services Office for the Board of Aldermen agenda.
3. The date entry must be completed with the date this form was sent the alderperson(s).
4. Copies to: alderperson(s); sponsoring department; attached to submission to Board of Aldermen.

<b>GRANT SUMMARY</b>	
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<b>Grant Title:</b>	<b>Resolution of the New Haven Board Of Aldermen Authorizing the Filing of ED049 Grant Application with the State Department of Education for: a new preK-4 school project on the SCSU campus known as the Strong 21st Century Communication Lab School.</b>
<b>City Department:</b>	New Haven Public Schools
<b>City Contact Person:</b>	Robert Lynn
<b>Funding Level:</b>	\$45,000,000
<b>Funding Period:</b>	7/1/2015 - 7/1/2019
<b>Funding Source:</b>	State School Construction Program, Local Capital Projects
<b>Purpose of Program:</b>	To build a new pre-K school on the SCSU campus.
<b>Personnel – Annual:</b>	
<b>Non-Personnel – Annual:</b>	
<b>New or Renewal?</b>	New
<b>Limits on spending (e.g., Admin. Cap)?</b>	No
<b>Reporting requirements: Fiscal</b>	
<b>Reporting requirements: Programmatic</b>	
<b>Due date of first report:</b>	
<b>Audit Requirements:</b>	

## FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

DATE: April 14, 2015  
FROM (Dept.): New Haven Public Schools  
CONTACT: Robert Lynn PHONE: 946-6809

### SUBMISSION ITEM (Title of Legislation):

Resolution of the New Haven Board of Alders Authorizing the Filing of ED049 Grant Application with the State Department of Education for: **a new preK-4 school project on the SCSU campus known as the Strong 21st Century Communication Lab School**

**List Cost:** Describe in as much detail as possible both personnel and non-personnel costs; general, capital or special funds; and source of funds currently budgeted for this purpose.

	GENERAL	SPECIAL	BOND	CAPITAL/LINE ITEM/DEPT/ACT/OBJ CODE
<b>A. Personnel</b>				
1. Initial start up				
2. One-time				
3. Annual				
<b>B. Non-personnel</b>				
1. Initial start up				
2. One-time			\$45,000,000	School Construction Project
3. Annual				

**List Revenues:** Will this item result in any revenues for the City? If Yes, please list amount and type.

NO	<input type="checkbox"/>
YES	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

1. One-time	\$34,372,218
2. Annual	

## CHECK LIST FOR ALDERMANIC SUBMISSIONS

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Cover Letter
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Resolutions/ Orders/ Ordinances
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Prior Notification Form
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fiscal Impact Statement - Should include comprehensive budget
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Supporting Documentation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Disk or E-mailed Cover letter & Order

### IN ADDITION IF A GRANT:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Notice of Intent
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Grant Summary
<input type="checkbox"/>	Executive Summary (not longer than 5 pages without an explanation)

<b>Date Submitted:</b>	<u>April 15, 2015</u>
<b>Meeting Submitted For:</b>	<u>April 20, 2015</u>
<b>Regular or Suspension Agenda:</b>	<u>Regular Agenda</u>
<b>Submitted By:</b>	<u>Robert Lynn, School Construction Program</u> <u>Director, New Haven Public Schools</u>

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Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Coordinator's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Controller's Signature (if grant):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mayor's Office Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_