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TO: Select Board
FROM: Shawn Brandt, Reading School Committee Chair
DATE: September 16, 2022
TOPIC: Killam Feasibility Study – Warrant Article and Motion

Members of the Select Board,

Pursuant to Section 2.13 of the Reading Home Rule Charter, please include the following warrant article, related to a request for funding of a feasibility study for the Killam project, on the warrant in November's Subsequent Town Meeting. Included here is also the accompanying motion. The text of both the warrant article and the motion have been reviewed and approved by Town Counsel, the MSBA, and by a vote of the School Committee. On September 15th, the School Committee voted 5-0 to submit this article for inclusion.

In a separate memo, I will also provide background text for the warrant report.

Regards,

Shawn Brandt
School Committee Chair

Article XX: MSBA Feasibility Study

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Killam School Building Committee for a feasibility study to consider the repair, addition and renovation, or replacement of the J. Warren Killam Elementary School, located at 333 Charles Street, assessors' parcel 41-19, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, and further, that the Town acknowledge that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any other action with respect thereto.

Motion:

That the Town appropriate the amount of Two Million Two Hundred Thousand (\$2,200,000) Dollars from Certified Free Cash for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study to consider the repair, addition and renovation, or replacement of the J. Warren Killam Elementary School, located at 333 Charles Street, assessors' parcel 41-19, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Killam School Building Committee, and further, the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.