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TO: Members of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education

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**SUBJECT: Approval of the Fiscal Year 2021 School Building Authority (SBA)
COVID-19 Capital Fund Project Priorities**

Article 5 and 9 of the Fiscal Year 2019 State Budget included a \$250M Statewide School Construction Bond, a new funding mechanism designed to provide upfront funding for projects. Pursuant to R.I.G.L. §45-38.2-4(e)(2), funding is based on a set percentage of foundational housing aid awarded.

Pursuant to RIGL 45-38.2-4(e)(3), any excess funds may be transferred to the SBA capital fund in an amount not to exceed five percent (5%) of any amount of bonds issued in a given year. As a result, up to \$4,769,542 in excess funds from the FY 2019 Pay-As-You-Go total offering of \$95,388,560 can be transferred to the SBA capital fund.

The SBA Capital Fund is used to repair public school facilities distributed on a priority basis to ensure that funding has the greatest impact on facility gaps in the State's priority areas, including COVID-19 projects. Across the State, LEAs are endeavoring to make capital investments to create healthy learning environments to safely accommodate students during the COVID-19 pandemic. This funding can support projects that address air filtration, ventilation, restroom improvements, and critical repairs that help facilitate best practices in social distancing. Additionally, funds can support limited or onetime expenses of the SBA, pursuant to R.I.G.L. §16-105-7 and §16-105-3(18).

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council approves allocation of \$4,000,000 of the Fiscal Year 2021 SBA COVID-19 Capital Fund as follows:

Providence	\$1,429,245
Pawtucket	\$415,207
Cranston	\$275,606
Central Falls	\$217,881
North Providence	\$176,258
Warwick	\$167,351

East Providence	\$156,388
Woonsocket	\$149,879
Johnston	\$114,764
Cumberland	\$87,529
West Warwick	\$73,141
Smithfield	\$67,488
Lincoln	\$64,234
Coventry	\$62,007
Bristol Warren	\$56,868
North Kingstown	\$53,956
Newport	\$31,004
North Smithfield	\$29,462
Burrillville	\$28,092
Narragansett	\$25,865
East Greenwich	\$24,837
South Kingstown	\$23,809
Tiverton	\$22,782
Westerly	\$20,726
Foster-Glocester	\$17,129
Chariho	\$16,273
Middletown	\$15,245
Exeter-West Greenwich	\$14,388
Portsmouth	\$14,046
Barrington	\$14,046
Scituate	\$12,847
Glocester	\$11,648
Foster	\$10,000
Jamestown	\$10,000
Little Compton	\$10,000
New Shoreham	\$10,000
Blackstone Academy	\$10,000
Compass School	\$10,000
Kingston Hill	\$10,000
Learning Community	\$10,000
RISE Prep	\$10,000
Greene School	\$10,000
TAPA Charter School	\$10,000