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TO: Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education
FROM: Deborah Gist, Commissioner
SUBJECT: **Approval of Necessity of School Construction: Paul Cuffee School**

The Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education has as one of its responsibilities reviewing and certifying the need for school construction projects to be reimbursed through the school housing aid program. Most large projects are supported by bonds and are comprehensive projects with major renovation and/or new construction components. The school construction regulations instituted a rolling application process that allows districts to submit their applications when they are complete. Because of this, the Regents will be asked to review and approve projects on an ongoing basis throughout the year. The FY 2012 State budget imposed a three year moratorium on Board of Regents approvals, except for projects necessitated by immediate health and safety reasons.

At this meeting, the Regents are being asked to approve several health and safety projects. A chart summarizing Paul Cuffee School's projects for your approval is provided in Attachment 1 and a more detailed description of the projects is found in Attachments 2.

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Board of Regents approve the necessity of school construction projects totaling **\$801,590** pursuant to 16-7-41.1 as follows (please note that when the applicable reimbursement share ratios are applied to the estimated total project costs noted below, the state share excluding interest is expected to be **\$240,480**):

Paul Cuffee School:
a. Health and Safety Repairs \$ 801,590

SUMMARY: FY 2012 NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

PAUL CUFFEE SCHOOL	BRIEF DESCRIPTION	JUSTIFICATION	FY 2012 AID SHARE RATIO*	ESTIMATED PROJECT COST	STATE SHARE	STATE SHARE W/ INTEREST**
<p>Paul Cuffee Immediate Health and Safety Repairs</p> <p><i>(see attachment 2)</i></p>	<p>This project will provide immediate health and safety repairs at the Paul Cuffee Lower School.</p>	<p>The priority repairs included in this project address required physical plant issues. The roof is past its useful life and requires frequent repairs. Repairs to the building envelope, HVAC system and the site will protect and maintain a safe and healthy environment.</p>	<p>30.00%</p>	<p>\$801,590</p>	<p>\$240,480</p>	<p>\$240,480</p>

* State share ratio is based on FY2012 calculation. Final state share ratio is assigned when the bond is issued. District may be eligible for additional reimbursement through bonuses awarded for energy and water efficiency, ADA improvements, and asbestos abatement.

** Only bonds financed through RIHEBC are eligible for reimbursement on interest. Paul Cuffee intends to pay for the project out of capital reserve funds.

**Paul Cuffee School
Immediate Health and Safety Repairs**

Project Cost: \$801,590

Project Description: This project will provide immediate health and safety repairs at Paul Cuffee Lower School. The scope of the work includes high priority repairs to the building envelope, HVAC upgrades, and site repairs.

Project Justification:

- The roof is past its useful life and requires frequent repairs.
- The school is in need of HVAC repairs to prevent indoor air quality problems.
- The building envelope needs repair and in some cases replacement to ensure the safety of occupants.
- The current outdoor recreation area is unsafe and in disrepair.

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This project is approved by the School Board.

Special Contingency: All other things being equal, the services of qualified and capable vendors with offices in Rhode Island, or those who propose a joint venture with a Rhode Island firm, should be utilized.