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Mayor David Cohen Announces Newton Will Receive More Than \$46.5 million from the State's School Building Assistance Program for Newton North Construction

(NEWTON) – The City of Newton will receive \$46,577,166 from the state's School Building Assistance (SBA) program to fund the construction of Newton North High School, Newton Mayor David Cohen confirmed today.

“These funds will ensure that Newton will have a first-rate high school and maintain our place among the best school systems in the Commonwealth,” said Mayor Cohen. “Future Newton North students will now have access to a great building in which to learn. This is truly a great day for the City of Newton, and I wish to thank Commissioner Driscoll and the state Department of Education for affirming that this project will proceed.”

The decision to build a new school or to refurbish the old building will be made after careful consideration of how these funds will be best utilized. The SBA funds can be used for either project.

“I am deeply grateful to the state's Department of Education for its belief in Newton schools,” said Superintendent of Schools Jeff Young. “I know this is an exceptional opportunity for us to provide the best secondary education in the Commonwealth, and we know that the City of Newton and the Department of Education will be proud of us. It's really all about the kids.”

“I am extremely pleased that the state has approved our request,” echoed School Committee Chair Anne Lerner. “Now we can turn our attention to building a wonderful new building to address the needs of our students and staff. In just a few years we will have two new, outstanding high schools to serve all students from every neighborhood in the City.”