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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Authorization for the Superintendent to submit a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the replacement of the Kennedy Longfellow / Putnam Avenue school building roof

Recommendation: That in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority the School Committee enter an order containing the following resolution:

Resolved: Having convened in an open meeting on January 20, 2015, the School Committee of Cambridge, Massachusetts, in accordance with its charter, by-laws, and ordinances, has voted to authorize the Superintendent to submit to the Massachusetts School Building Authority the Statement of Interest Form that will be submitted to the MSBA no later than February 13, 2015 for the Kennedy Longfellow (grades PK-5) / Putnam Avenue Upper (grades 6-8) school building located at 158 Spring Street which describes and explains the following deficiencies and the priority category for which an application may be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority in the future.

The funds are sought to be used for the replacement of the building's roof, including the installation of photovoltaic panels if deemed structurally possible. The Spring Street building was constructed in 1971, and much of the roof is the original roof dating back to the early 1970s. While some areas have been replaced, even these areas are mostly in excess of 20 years old and have been repeatedly patched. Despite constant repair work, the roof and original skylights are chronically leaking. This project falls under priority category number 5, which is for the replacement, renovation, or modernization of school facility systems, such as roofs, windows, boilers, heating and ventilation systems, to increase energy conservation and decrease energy related costs in a school facility, as determined in the judgment of Authority.

The Cambridge School Committee hereby further specifically acknowledges that by submitting this Statement of Interest Form, the Massachusetts School Building Authority in no way guarantees the acceptance or the approval of an application, the awarding of a grant or any other funding commitment from the Massachusetts School Building Authority, or commits the City/School District to filing an application for funding with the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Description: The language of the resolution set forth above is the form of vote required by the Massachusetts School Building Authority in order for a Statement of Interest Form to be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

Respectfully submitted,

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Superintendent of Schools