



City of Cambridge

Executive Department

YI-AN HUANG
City Manager

CMA 2026-294
IN CITY COUNCIL
October 19, 2026

To the Honorable, the City Council:

I am hereby recommending that in accordance with the requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA), the Cambridge City Council adopt the attached order amending and clarifying the FY27 Public Investment Bond Authorization of \$12,795,000 and the FY26 Public Investment Bond Authorization of \$19,986,000 for building repairs across Cambridge Public Schools, adopted on June 1, 2026 and June 2, 2025 respectively, to explicitly designate and allocate a specific portion of those authorized bond proceeds for the Cambridgeport School Roof Replacement Project.

The scope of work will include roof replacement and modifying the gym section of the roof to be solar ready. The Cambridgeport School is located at 89 Elm Street and serves approximately 263 students ranging from PreK to grade 5. The school is housed in the former Fletcher School building which originally opened in 1903. Noted renovations to the building took place from 1978-1980 when the City of Cambridge added a cafeteria, gymnasium, two classrooms and a ballasted EPDM roof to a section of the building. Additional renovations were done in 2022 when the building received new windows and exterior doors, and in 2025/2026 the building received new boilers.

The City of Cambridge acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the City to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the City of Cambridge incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Cambridge.

Very truly yours,

Yi-An Huang
City Manager





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Agenda Item No. 2
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ORDERED: That the City Council amends and clarifies the FY27 Public Investment Bond Authorization of \$12,795,000 and the FY26 Public Investment Bond Authorization of \$19,986,000 for building repairs across Cambridge Public Schools, adopted on June 1, 2026 and June 2, 2025, respectively, to explicitly designate and allocate a specific portion of those authorized bond proceeds for the Cambridgeport School Roof Replacement Project to satisfy the statutory requirements of the Massachusetts School Building Authority.

RESOLVED: That the City of Cambridge hereby specifically allocates the amount of Three Million Four Hundred Five Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Five (\$3,405,975.00) Dollars, which includes \$117,995 already appropriated for the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design costs, for the purpose of paying costs of Cambridgeport Elementary School Roof Replacement Project. The scope of work will include roof replacement and modifying the gym section of the roof to be solar ready, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"). The Cambridgeport School is located at 89 Elm Street in Cambridge, Massachusetts. The school serves approximately 263 students ranging from PreK to grade 5. The school is housed in the former Fletcher School building which originally opened in 1903. Noted renovations to the building took place from 1978-1980 when the City of Cambridge added a cafeteria, gymnasium, two classrooms and a ballasted EPDM roof to a section of the building. Additional renovations were done in 2022 when the building received new windows and exterior doors, and in 2025/2026 the building received new boilers. The existing roof is roughly 80 years old and will be replaced with a new roof meeting current industry and energy standards, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the City of Cambridge may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of Cambridge Public Schools. To meet this allocation the City of Cambridge City Manager, with the approval of City Council, is authorized to transfer from capital funds already appropriated for use by Cambridge Public Schools said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The City of Cambridge acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement,

discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City of Cambridge incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City of Cambridge; provided further that any grant that City of Cambridge may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser (1) Thirty-Three and Fifty-Three Hundredths' Percent (33.53%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the City of Cambridge and the MSBA.