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City Council President John Michitson
And Members of the Haverhill City Council

RE: Bond Authorization Order

Mr. President and Members of the City Council:

Enclosed please find a bond authorization order authorizing the City to spend up to \$400,000 for immediate temporary emergency repairs to the Hunking School.

As you know, Superintendent Scully is examining many different alternatives as to what to do with the Hunking School. He intends to discuss these alternatives with the School Committee and with the City Council in the near future.

Although we have not yet had a full discussion on these issues, my preliminary view, subject to change, is that the most reasonable alternative is to make emergency temporary repairs to school.

Any bond order must stay on file with the City Council for two weeks. I want to give the City Council an adequate opportunity to fully discuss and debate all of the alternatives. I do not want the Council to be rushed into a decision.

Accordingly, I am placing this bond order on file now so that in the event the Council, School Committee, Mayor and Superintendent decide to go in this direction, you have had adequate opportunity to debate this and the bond order is ready so that repairs could begin immediately.

The Superintendent's estimate is that it will require approximately \$350,000 for emergency repairs to the school. I've asked for an authorization of up to \$400,000 in the event of contingencies.

This order must be placed on file for two weeks. I recommend you have a full discussion of this issue along with any possible alternatives.

Very truly yours

James J. Fiorentini, Mayor

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Encl.



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CITY OF HAVERHILL

In Municipal Council

Ordered:

ORDERED: That the City appropriates the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) to pay costs of repairs at the Caleb Dustin Hunking Middle School, located at 98 Winchester Street and, including the payment of all costs associated therewith (the "Project"), which proposed Project would materially extend the useful life of the school buildings described above and preserve assets that otherwise are capable of supporting the required educational program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Superintendent; to meet said appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mayor, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or any other enabling authority; that the City acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the City incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the City; provided further that any grant that the City may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) percentage grant 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 amounts set forth in the Project Funding Agreement or Agreements that may be entered into by the City and the MSBA in connection with the Projects.

FURTHER ORDERED: That in connection with the issuance of bonds or notes of the City pursuant to this Order, the Treasurer is authorized to file an application with the appropriate officials of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts (the "Commonwealth") to qualify under Chapter 44A of the General Laws any and all bonds of the City issued pursuant to this order, and to provide such information and execute such documents as such officials of the Commonwealth may require in connection therewith.

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