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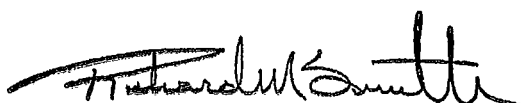
March 22, 2023

Dear Town Administrator,

At last night's MVRHS School Committee meeting, the School Committee officially approved the action to borrow \$2,000,000.00 for the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Feasibility Study. Please see the attached wording of the vote language that was adopted last night and which is to be forwarded to each Select Board. Please remember approximately 38% of this would be reimbursable by the MSBA.

We have previously forwarded draft language for your consideration for your upcoming Special Town Meeting or Annual Town Meeting regarding this request to borrow \$2M. We greatly appreciate your support and we look forward to your spring town meetings. In the meantime, if there is assistance we can provide please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Richard M. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Richard" being the most prominent.

Richard M. Smith, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

**Martha's Vineyard Regional School District
SCHOOL COMMITTEE VOTE**

VOTED: That the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District hereby appropriates the amount of Two Million (\$2,000,000) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study relating to the possible replacement or reconstruction of the District High School, located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study") said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the District is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 71, §16(d), and the District Agreement, as amended, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The District acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA's") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further, that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

FURTHER VOTED: That within seven (7) days from the date on which the above vote was adopted, the Secretary be and hereby is instructed to notify the Board of Selectmen or Select Board, as the case may be, of each of the member towns of the District as to the amount and general purposes of the debt herein authorized, as required by the District Agreement and by G.L. c. 71, §16(d).