MASSACHUSETTS
Department of Elementary
and Secondary Education
Pedro Martinez | Commissioner

September 28, 2026

Mr. Michael McGurl
Director of Capital Planning
Massachusetts School Building Authority
10 Post Office Square, Suite S400
Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Dear Director McGurl:

The City of Medford (the "District") has notified the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education ("DESE") of its intent to offer state-designated Career Technical Education ("CTE") Programs at the Medford High School project, which is the subject of a feasibility study being conducted in collaboration with the Massachusetts School Building Authority as part of its school construction grant program. This letter supersedes the May 27, 2025 letter previously issued in response to their original Career Technical Education Viability Documentation on May 8, 2025, which proposed program expansions and four new programs.

DESE staff members have reviewed the District's Career Technical Education Viability Documentation received from the MSBA on August 6, 2026. Based on completion of the preferred schematic, the District's form has remained largely the same since Eligibility Period. The District's submission aligns with the enrollment proposed as part of their preferred schematic.

Based on our review of these materials we are satisfied that the district has conducted appropriate planning to date, and the district can continue their planning with the proposed capacity into their feasibility study. The proposed programming and program capacities are as follows:

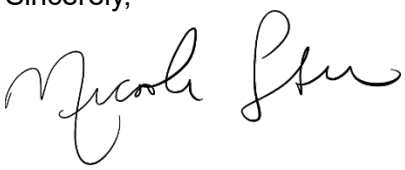
CTE Program Offerings	2025-2026 Grades 10-12 Enrollment	Proposed Capacity / Applicable School Year	Comment
Biotechnology	32	40 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Business Technology	19	20 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Carpentry	33	30 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Construction Craft Laborers	42	45 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Culinary Arts	29	45 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program

Early Education and Care	7	20 (SY26-27)	Existing Program
Engineering	28	40 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Graphic Design & Visual Communications	19	20 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Metal Fabrication	21	30 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Programming and Web Development	16	20 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Multimedia & Broadcast Production	29	40 (SY 26-27)	Existing Program
Automotive Tech	54	45 (SY 25-26)	Expanded Program – a third instructor was added to the Auto Technology Program. Increase capacity to 45.
Cosmetology	35	45 (SY 27-28)	Expanded Program - in addition to space needs, the district will need to hire a third instructor to reach expanded capacity.
Electrical	55	60 (SY28-29)	Expanded Program - in addition to space needs, the district will need to hire a fourth instructor to reach expanded capacity.
Health Assisting	38	45 (SY27-28)	Expanded Program - in addition to space needs, the district will need to hire a third instructor to reach expanded capacity.
Dental Assisting	0	15 (SY 29-30)	New Program – SY 30-31
Public Safety	0	20 (SY 29-30)	New Program – SY 30-31
Plumbing	0	15 (SY 25-26)	New Program – SY 26-27 – DESE approved 6/2026
Information Support Services & Networking	0	20 (SY 25-26)	New Program – SY 26-27 – DESE approved 6/2026
Total	457	615	

The programs in the table above have been updated to clarify the alignment with the relevant CTE Framework. Note that the purpose of this letter is not to grant formal approval for these state-designated CTE programs, but to certify DESE is in general agreement with the proposals proceeding into the next phase of the proposed project. The district should continue to work with

their College, Career, and Technical Education liaison on pathway planning as development progresses.

Sincerely,



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