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Ms. Mary Pichetti  
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Dear Ms. Pichetti:

The Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational School District (the “District”) has notified the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”) of its intent to offer Chapter 74 Career/Vocational Technical Education (“CTE”) Programs at the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Vocational 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 August 19, 2020 letter previously issued in response to their original Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation on June 5, 2020 which proposed three new programs.

DESE staff members have reviewed the District’s revised Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation received from the MSBA on May 6, 2021. Based on completion of the preferred schematic, the District is proceeding with the three new proposed programs. The District’s submission aligns with the enrollment proposed as part of their preferred schematic.

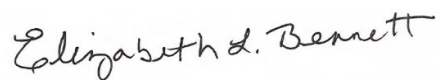
Based on our review and evidence of the completed components required of the Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation including items required for new and expanding programs, we are satisfied that the planning for the CTE program offerings the District is proposing for this school project has been thorough, the programs themselves are viable and the number of student’s per program are reasonable. The proposed programming and program capacities are as follows:

<b>Chapter 74 Program Offerings</b>	<b>Current Enrollment</b>	<b>Proposed Capacity</b>	<b>Comment*</b>
Auto Body	33	37.	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Auto Technology	66	69	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Business Technology	53	36	Existing: decrease due to cross training with new Marketing program
Carpentry	60	69	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Cosmetology	59	69	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Culinary Arts	35	69	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Dental Assisting	83	78	Existing
Design & Visual Communications	61	72	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Drafting & Design	63	62	Existing
Early Childhood Education	32	33	Existing
Electricity	87	82	Existing
Health Assisting	87	70	Existing: decrease due to addition of new Medical Assisting program
HVAC&R	60	69	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Metal Fabrication	42	55	Existing: current space limits enrollment

<b>Chapter 74 Program Offerings</b>	<b>Current Enrollment</b>	<b>Proposed Capacity</b>	<b>Comment*</b>
Plumbing & Pipe Fitting	77	85	Existing: current space limits enrollment
Robotics	24	70	Existing:
Exploratory – Grade 9	330	400	Existing: increased capacity of shops allows admission of 70 more students
Marketing	0	35	New Program: will cross train with Business Tech.
Biotechnology	0	70	New Program
Medical Assisting	0	70	New Program
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,252</b>	<b>1,600</b>	

Note that the purpose of this letter is not to grant formal approval for these Chapter 74 programs, but to certify that the District has completed the required steps listed in the Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation, submitted to the MSBA for Board approval of its preferred schematic and that we are in general agreement with the proposals proceeding into the schematic design phase of the project with an anticipated grant approval on or about August 25, 2021.

Sincerely,



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Associate Commissioner of College, Career and Technical Education, DESE

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