

# SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

## **MERSD – Essex Elementary**

- Statement of Interest (the “SOP”) for the Essex Elementary School in the Manchester-Essex Regional School District (the “District”) into the MSBA’s Eligibility Period.
- 63 applicants statewide Essex Elementary 1 of the 19 accepted into eligibility
- Clear indication of the need for the facility to be addressed
- More detailed report of next steps at the 12/19 SC Meeting

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## **NEC – North Shore Special Education Consortium – Special Assessment**

- Regional Special Ed collaborative
- Provides programs and services for children with low-incidence or complex disabilities and professional development for teachers and other related service professionals
- Beverly, Boxford (Tri-Town), Danvers, Gloucester, Hamilton-Wenham Regional, Ipswich, Lynn, Lynnfield, Manchester Essex Regional, Marblehead, Masconomet Regional, Middleton (Tri-Town), Nahant, North Reading, Peabody, Pentucket Regional, Reading, Rockport, Salem, Swampscott, Topsfield (Tri-Town) and Triton Regional.
- Significant Cost Savings from Private Placement (Tuition & Transportation)
- Membership / Discounted Tuition

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## Kevin O'Grady School: Comprehensive HVAC Systems Upgrade & Roof Replacement

- Projected is being funded through a Mass Development bank loan and NEC reserves
- NEC is not eligible for MSBA funding

## Impact to MERSD

- 10% Tuition increase for FY25 – already accounted for in the tentative
- One time Capital Assessment of \$50,000.
  - District Choice to pay FY24 or FY25.
  - Funding Source Options –
    - End of Year Savings Student Services / End of Year Savings Districtwide
    - School Choice Reserves

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## ■ Director Operations & Finance Search

- ✓ Position Posted & Candidate Identification Ongoing
- ✓ Convene an Interview Team (last week November/First Week of December)
  - ✓ To Include School, SC, and Town Representatives
- Group Meetings – 12/14/23
- Superintendent Recommendation to SC for appointment