INITIAL COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION
District Name
School Name
MSBA Project No.

This Initial Compliance Certification must be completed by all Eligible Applicants who have submitted a Statement of Interest to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (the "MSBA") and have been invited to participate in the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program. The MSBA will not consider a district to be eligible for a school building grant until the district has properly submitted an Initial Compliance Certification in the form and manner prescribed by the MSBA. Each District shall exercise due diligence in ascertaining and certifying the truth, completeness, and accuracy of each of the following statements, acknowledgements, agreements, and representations. The Eligible Applicant shall also have a continuing duty throughout a Proposed or Approved Project to inform the MSBA in writing when it becomes aware of information that impairs the truth, completeness, or accuracy of any of the following statements, acknowledgements, agreements, or representations. The MSBA's reference to certain regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards, or portions thereof, in this Initial Compliance Certification shall not be construed in any way as a waiver of any other regulations, policies, procedures, guidelines, or standards and the MSBA's reference to a portion of a regulation, policy, guideline, or standard shall not be construed as a waiver of the remainder.

Unless otherwise specified, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in M.G.L. c. 70B or 963 CMR 2.00 et seq.

1. The [CITY/TOWN/DISTRICT OF ----------] ("District") hereby certifies that it shall remain in compliance with the provisions of (a) M.G.L. c. 70B, (b) chapter 208 of the Acts of 2004, (c) 963 CMR 2.00 *et seq.*, and (d) all other applicable statutes, rules, policies, procedures, guidelines, and standards of the MSBA, including, without limitation, the rules of the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program set forth in the attached Exhibit A.

2. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that the Accelerated Repair Program is a discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA. The District hereby further acknowledges and agrees that it shall have no entitlement to receive approval or funding for a proposed Accelerated Repair project or any other purpose except at the sole discretion of the MSBA.

3. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that the eligible scope of Projects funded through the Accelerated Repair Program shall be determined by the MSBA.

4. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that the MSBA will not award any incentive reimbursement points for Accelerated Repair Projects, and the reimbursement rate for any Accelerated Repair Projects approved by the MSBA will be the District's base reimbursement rate as determined by M.G.L. c. 70B § 10.

5. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that it has demonstrated and shall continue to demonstrate a commitment to maintaining its existing educational facilities with the existence of (1) a capital maintenance program, (2) an ongoing financial commitment towards maintenance, and (3) dedicated professional staff to manage and direct the District's participation in the Accelerated Repair Program.

6. The District hereby agrees that the school building for which it has submitted a Statement of Interest for consideration under the Accelerated Repair Program has been and will remain in use as a public K-12 school facility, serving public school students, for the useful life of any repair project in which the MSBA may participate.

7. The District hereby certifies that the school building for which it has submitted a Statement of Interest for consideration under the Accelerated Repair Program (a) is structurally, functionally, and educationally sound, except of the condition of its roof, windows, and/or HVAC system to the extent noted in the Statement of Interest, (b) that no other known deficiencies exist in addition to those identified in the Statement of Interest, and (c) that all other building systems are operational, safe, and adequate for the delivery of the required educational program, or that, if there are other conditions that may impair the structural, functional, and educational integrity of the school building, the District has notified the MSBA in writing prior to the execution of this Initial Compliance Certification and such written notification is attached hereto.

8. The District hereby certifies that the school building for which it has submitted a Statement of Interest for consideration under the Accelerated Repair Program has sufficient space to deliver the District's required educational program.

9. The District hereby agrees to comply with M.G.L. c. 70B and 963 CMR 2.00 *et seq*. and work in collaboration with the MSBA in all phases of the process, including: (a) identifying perceived deficiencies with school buildings, (b) validating those deficiencies, (c) identifying educationally and financially sound solutions to validated deficiencies, (d) agreeing on a project scope(s) and budget(s), (e) implementing a solution(s) as agreed upon, and (f) the final project audit(s) and close-out(s). The District hereby further acknowledges and agrees that, to remain eligible for project approval and potential funding from the MSBA, the District must work with the MSBA through all phases of the MSBA's process including, at

a minimum, the phases described above, to the satisfaction of the MSBA. The District hereby further acknowledges and agrees that any actions taken, costs incurred or agreements entered into for the repair of school facilities without the explicit prior written approval of the MSBA shall not be eligible for grant funding.

10. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that it will comply with the MSBA's Accelerated Repair Program consultant assignment policy and use the MSBA's pre-qualified owner's project managers and designers that were procured by the MSBA for the Accelerated Repair Program and will be assigned to each Accelerated Repair Project by the MSBA. The District further agrees to use the MSBA's standard Accelerated Repair Program contracts for owner's project manager services and designer services.

11. The District acknowledges and agrees that, within 16 months of the date upon which the Board of Directors votes to invite the District to participate in the Accelerated Repair Program, the District will fulfill every obligation that is required by the District for the MSBA Board of Directors to consider the District's Proposed Project for Approval. If the District fails to fulfill these obligations within that 16 month period, the MSBA may, in its sole discretion, extend the period by a further two months. However, if the District fails to fulfill the obligations the MSBA may, in its sole discretion, remove the District from the Accelerated Repair Program.

12. The District hereby certifies, and can demonstrate, that it has expended at least the minimum amount of the District's calculated foundation budget amounts for the purposes of foundation utility and ordinary maintenance expenses and extraordinary maintenance allotment as defined in M.G.L. c. 70 and as required by the provisions of M.G.L. c. 70B, § 8 and 963 CMR 2.03(4), and hereby further acknowledges and agrees that the MSBA may not approve any project for any school district that fails to meet such minimum maintenance expenditure requirements.

13. The District hereby certifies that the perceived deficiencies, as set forth in the Statement of Interest submitted to the MSBA for the school facility, are not the result of negligence; are not under warranty with material suppliers or installers; are not the subject of, nor could be the subject of, ongoing litigation by the District; are not the result of lack of adequate routine or capital maintenance by the District; and, are not covered by available insurance proceeds.

14. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that, before the MSBA can grant final approval of a Project, the District must vote to authorize and appropriate the full amount of funding for the potential project that is necessary to meet the total project budget for the Accelerated Repair project, as agreed to by the MSBA and as described in 963 CMR 2.10(1) and shall use any standard language established or

developed by the MSBA to draft local warrant articles, motions, orders, votes, and ballot questions related to the funding for the proposed Accelerated Repair projects.

15. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that, in connection with a proposed Accelerated Repair project or an Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program, it shall use any standard forms, standard formats for local votes and approvals, standard contract documents, and any standard contract language and clauses that may be established or developed by the MSBA and as may be amended by the MSBA from time to time.

16. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that it shall submit to the MSBA, and comply with the terms of, any certifications, statements, forms, and affidavits that the MSBA may require for a proposed Accelerated Repair project or an Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program, and that any such certifications, statements, forms, and affidavits shall be prepared, executed, and submitted in a form and manner prescribed by or otherwise acceptable to the MSBA.

17. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that no Total Facilities Grant, or any portion thereof, shall be disbursed by the MSBA for a proposed Accelerated Repair project or Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program until after a Project Funding Agreement has been fully executed by duly authorized representatives of both the District and the MSBA.

18. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that it may make monthly requests for reimbursement to the MSBA for an Approved Project, but it shall not make any requests for reimbursement that total less than $50,000. If the total value of a request for reimbursement is less than $50,000, the District hereby agrees that it shall hold that request until such time as it can meet the $50,000 threshold.

19. The District hereby certifies that it has provided or will provide the MSBA with all audit materials requested by the MSBA in connection with any Assisted Facility including, but not limited to, Prior Grant Projects, Waiting List Projects, and any other school building projects for which the District has received or will receive funding from the MSBA. The District hereby further acknowledges and agrees that it shall continue to cooperate with the MSBA and provide any additional documentation or information that may be requested by the MSBA in connection with any Assisted Facility.

20. The District hereby certifies that the school building for which it has submitted a Statement of Interest for consideration under the Accelerated Repair Program is not a school that has been the site of an approved school project pursuant to M.G.L. c.

70B or chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 within the ten (10) years prior to the submission of the Statement of Interest, respectively, or that the proposed Accelerated Repair project would be unrelated to such previously approved project in the same school building. The District acknowledges and agrees that only the MSBA in its sole discretion shall make the final determination as to whether a proposed Accelerated Repair project is unrelated to a previously approved project in the same school building and that any such determination shall be in writing.

21. The District hereby certifies that prior to submitting its Statement of Interest for the school that is the subject of the proposed Accelerated Repair project, it has not sold, leased, closed, or otherwise removed from service any school building or facility, or portion thereof, within the last ten (10) years, or that, if it has done so, the District has notified the MSBA in writing and the MSBA has determined in writing, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 70B, § 15(c): (1) that the grant sought by the District is not for the purpose of replacing such schoolhouse, or (2) that the need for the proposed Accelerated Repair project could not have been reasonably anticipated at the time that such schoolhouse was sold, leased, or otherwise removed from service. Further, the District acknowledges and agrees that the MSBA in its sole discretion shall make the final determination about whether a proposed Accelerated Repair project or Approved Project replaces a school facility that was sold, leased, closed, or otherwise removed from service.

22. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that, if it sells, leases, closes, or otherwise removes from service an Assisted Facility, or portion thereof, that the MSBA may stop making grant payments associated with the Assisted Facility, may recapture the financial assistance that the Assisted Facility has received from the MSBA, and may decline to approve any future grants.

23. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that throughout the planning and construction of an Approved Project, if such final approval is received from the MSBA, the District shall follow procedures and practices satisfactory to the MSBA such as will assure maximum attention to the operating and capital cost effects of program and design decisions, materials and systems selections.

24. The District hereby certifies that it is current on any payments that it may owe to the MSBA and does not have any outstanding amounts past due to the MSBA.

25. The District hereby certifies that it is unaware of any lawsuit pending against the MSBA to which the District is a party and further certifies that it is unaware of any other lawsuits pending against either the District or the MSBA in relation to the District's Statement(s) of Interest, proposed Accelerated Repair project, or any Approved Project.

26. The District hereby certifies that it has specifically read the provisions of 963 CMR 2.03 (3)(a)-(v) and certifies that it has met or will meet each of the requirements described therein and further acknowledges and agrees that the District's failure to comply with each requirement, as determined by the MSBA, may result in the MSBA rescinding its Total Facilities Grant or the suspension, termination, or recoupment of reimbursement payments made by the MSBA to the District.

27. The District hereby certifies that it has a school specific Multi-Hazard Evacuation Plan for each school under the superintendent's supervision and is in compliance with Section 363 of Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000.

28. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that if the District and the MSBA execute a Project Funding Agreement, the District shall promptly develop, implement and actively pursue a fraud, waste, and abuse detection and prevention program in connection with any proposed Accelerated Repair project or Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program, if any, and develop written procedures to detect and prevent fraud, waste and abuse.

29. The District hereby certifies that the Eligible Applicant or its designee who will be in charge of the procurement for any proposed Accelerated Repair project or any Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program is designated as a Massachusetts Certified Public Purchasing Official ("MCPPO") for design and construction contracting in the MCPPO Program as administered by the Inspector General of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

30. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that any Approved Project that is part of the Accelerated Repair Program for which the District is seeking partial funding from the MSBA shall materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program.

31. The District hereby certifies that it has read and understands the provisions of 963 CMR 2.03(5) and acknowledges and agrees that if the MSBA determines that any false or intentionally misleading information or documentation is submitted to the MSBA by or on behalf of the District either in relation to this Initial Compliance Certification or in support of any effort to influence any action by the MSBA or if the District or its agents do any other act affecting the integrity of the MSBA's Program, the MSBA may permanently revoke any and all grant payments due to the District; may recover any previous payments made to the District; and, may prohibit the District from receiving a Total Facilities Grant for a period of time to be determined by the MSBA.

32. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that the MSBA shall have free access to, and open communication with, any Owner's Project Manager hired by and/or assigned to Projects under the Accelerated Repair Program by the District and that the MSBA shall have full and complete access to all information and documentation relating to the Projects to the same extent that the District has such access. The District agrees that it shall require any such Owner's Project Manager to fully cooperate with the MSBA in all matters related to the Projects; to promptly communicate, transmit, and/or make available for inspection and copying any and all information and documentation requested by the MSBA; to fully, accurately and promptly complete all forms and writings requested by the MSBA; and to give complete, accurate, and prompt responses to any and all questions, inquiries and requests for information posed by the MSBA. The District agrees that it shall not in any way, directly or indirectly, limit, obstruct, censor, hinder or otherwise interfere with the free flow of communication and information between the Owner's Project Manager and the MSBA in all matters related to the Project and as provided herein; that it shall not suffer the same to occur by the act or omission of any other person or entity; and that it shall not retaliate against the Owner's Project Manager for communicating information to the MSBA as provided herein. The District agrees to execute, deliver and/or communicate to the Owner's Project Manager any and all authorizations, approvals, waivers, agreements, directives, and actions that are necessary to fulfill its obligations under this paragraph. The District further agrees that the MSBA shall bear no liability whatsoever arising out of the MSBA's knowledge or receipt of information communicated to the MSBA by the Owner's Project Manager and that the District shall remain responsible for the management and completion of the Projects.

33. The District has exercised due diligence in ascertaining and certifying the truth, completeness, and accuracy of each of the statements, acknowledgements, agreements and representations contained in this Initial Compliance Certification

34. The District hereby acknowledges and agrees that the MSBA reserves the right to modify and supplement the Initial Compliance Certification form at any time and may require the District to complete a revised Initial Compliance Certification.

By signing this Initial Compliance Certification, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the terms of this Initial Compliance Certification and further certify on behalf of the Eligible Applicant that each of the above statements is true, complete and accurate.

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By:
Title: Chief Executive Officer
Date:

By signing this Initial Compliance Certification, I hereby certify that I have read and understand the terms of this Initial Compliance Certification and further certify on behalf of the Eligible Applicant that each of the above statements is true, complete and accurate.

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By:
Title: Superintendent of Schools
Date:

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By:
Title: Chair of the School Committee
Date: