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Memo: Brooklyn Public Schools Boiler Replacements

Dear Members of the Brooklyn Board of Selectman and Board of Finance,

I have been asked to write to the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance on behalf of the Board of Education. The purpose of this memo is to request that you consider the expense of replacing the Brooklyn Public Schools' boilers as you begin the new fiscal year. As you know we requested funding through the Capital Improvements funds and we agreed that while this is important, we would wait another year and hope that we can keep the boilers running.

We hoped that we could apply for a Department of Administrative Services (DAS) School Construction Grant to offset the cost of replacement. We have been informed that boiler replacements do not qualify for DAS School Construction funding.

The Town of Brooklyn was receiving ARP Funding and we wanted to see if the funds may be used for this type of project. We discussed the possibility of replacing our furnaces with natural gas furnaces if grant funding could be used for this type of project. As you consider requests for funding projects to apply ARP funds towards, we would ask that you consider the furnace replacements if applicable.

As a reminder, we believe that the cost of replacing furnaces, two at BMS and two at BES would cost approximately \$300,000 based on the estimates received in early 2021. We would be happy to discuss this further with you should you request more information or explanation.

Respectfully,



Patricia L. Buell
Superintendent