



STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT

September 11, 2013

Patricia Llodra
First Selectman
Town of Newtown
Newtown Municipal Center
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

Dear First Selectman Llodra:

I am writing to confirm that today I signed the Urban Act Grant award for \$750,000 and have sent a copy of that agreement to you for your records. As I have indicated previously, the Office of School Facilities within the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) will be administering these funds. If any of your staff have any questions about the disbursement of those funds, please have them contact Paige Farnham at DAS directly.

As you know, these Urban Act funds represent just the beginning of the state's ongoing commitment to the Town of Newtown to rebuild the school. As Secretary for the State Bond Commission it is my intention to place allocations of the remaining \$49,250,000 on the agenda in several phases based on your expected needs for progress payments. Please develop such a plan with Ms. Farnham. Since the Bond Commission is scheduled to meet on September 27, I would appreciate it if you could send me an estimate this week on the costs you expect to incur between now and January 1, beyond the \$750,000 allocated earlier this year, along with any supporting documentation. Once I have that information, I will be able to add an item with sufficient funds to the Bond Commission agenda.

Finally, I understand that the Town of Newtown is preparing to go to referendum on the funding for the new school in early October. Please feel free to use this letter as confirmation of our support and willingness to allocate the entire amount authorized by the General Assembly last session to support replacement of Sandy Hook Elementary School.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ben Barnes".

Ben Barnes
Secretary

cc: Brian Durand
Paige Farnham