

March 30, 2023

Ms. Mary Pichetti
Director of Capital Planning
Massachusetts School Building Authority
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Boston, Massachusetts 02109

Dear Ms. Pichetti:

The Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School 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 Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical 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.

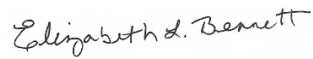
DESE staff members have reviewed the District’s Chapter 74 Vocational Technical Education Viability Documentation received from the MSBA on December 28, 2022.

Based on our review of these materials to date, 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:

Chapter 74 Program Offerings	Current Enrollment *9/10/11/12 (T)	Proposed Capacity	Comment*
Automotive Technology	12/12/12/12 (48)	48	
Business Technology	10/10/8/6 (34)	40	
CAD Drafting	12/8/10/11 (41)	48	
Computer Science	10/10/7/6 (33)	40	
Cosmetology	12/9/14/8 (43)	48	
Culinary Arts	15/15/14/15 (59)	60	
Electrical	12/12/11/13 (48)	48	
Electronics Engineering Technology	10/10/10/9 (39)	48	Expanded Program (+8)
Graphic Communication & Design	12/8/11/13 (44)	48	
Health Careers	12/12/10/13 (47)	48	
House & Mill Carpentry	12/12/12/11 (47)	48	
Machine & Tool Technology	12/12/9/12 (45)	48	
Metal Fabrication & Joining Technology	12/12/12/11 (47)	48	
Proposed New: Biotech	0	48	12/class maximum
Proposed New: Dental Assisting	0	48	12/class maximum
Proposed New: HVAC-R	0	48	12/class maximum
Proposed New: Plumbing	0	48	12/class maximum
Total	575	812	

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 been in substantive discussions with DESE about their plans for CTE programming, and that we are in general agreement with the proposals proceeding into the next phase of the proposed project.

Sincerely,



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Associate Commissioner of College, Career and Technical Education, DESE

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