



Testimony of Commissioner Michelle H. Gilman

Department of Administrative Services

School Construction Project

Priority List Review Committee

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Good morning, Senator McCrory, Representative Leeper, Senator Berthel, Representative Zupkus, Senator Osten, Representative Walker, Senator Somers, Representative Nuccio, Senator Fonfara, Representative Horn, Senator Fazio, and Representative Polletta.

I am Michelle Gilman, the Commissioner of the Department of Administrative Services (DAS). For your consideration, the agency has provided a listing of eligible school building projects to the Office of the Governor, the Office of Policy and Management, and this Committee in accordance with C.G.S. Sec. 10-283(a)(2).

Section 1 lists eight school building grant applications for your review. The applications include projects for five elementary schools, two middle schools, and one high school. The projects include four alterations, two new schools, one renovation, and one extension/alternation with a roof replacement.

The proposed Priority List includes an estimated total project cost of \$262,706,727. If the legislature and Governor approve, the state's maximum grant amount for these projects would be \$152,430,810. In addition, there is one request for reauthorization with an estimated project cost of \$50,655,500 and a potential grant change of \$50,655,500.

Also, this year's proposed Priority List includes a summary analysis of previous Priority Lists and an Addendum of Non-Priority List projects for FY2024 to produce greater transparency regarding total school building grant awards.

Thank you for the opportunity to present the 2025 Priority List today. DAS looks forward to working with this committee and the legislature in the coming months, and we appreciate your continued dedication to Connecticut's schools.

I am pleased to answer any questions you may have.