

June 6, 2024

Via Electronic Delivery

To the Honorable President and Members of the Medford City Council City Hall Medford, MA 02155

Re: Use of ARPA to Stabilize School Department Budget for FY25

Dear President Bears and Members of the City Council:

In addition to a \$76 million-dollar general fund appropriation for the School Department which I have submitted within the FY25 budget, I respectfully request and recommend that your Honorable Body appropriate an additional One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and Zero Cents (\$1,750,000.00) in American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for the FY25 budget to stabilize the School Department budget.

These two appropriations, if approved, provide the School Department with \$77,750,000 to operate the Medford Public Schools in FY25. Further resources could be directed to the School Department in FY25 (and beyond) if the City Council votes to place an override question(s) on the November biennial state election ballot and voters approve such a measure.

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Breanna Lungo-Koehn

Mayor