

Representative Cory Atkins: School Building Funding Restored

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STATE HOUSE, BOSTON– At a meeting convened by Representative Cory Atkins, State Treasurer Steve Grossman announced that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) is reinstating funding for the Concord-Carlisle High School Building Project. Those present at the meeting included State Treasurer Steve Grossman, Representative Cory Atkins, MSBA staff, Concord and Carlisle town officials, and several concerned citizens who had done extensive research on the building project.

On June 26, 2012, the MSBA had suspended all grant payments to the Concord-Carlisle school district because the MSBA had determined that the project was out of compliance with the plans that the district had presented. Representative Atkins has spent the last four months working with members of the MSBA, town officials, and concerned citizens to restore funding to the high school building project.

The restored funding comes with stipulations that the MSBA will formally present in a letter to the district in the next couple of weeks. Many of the stipulations focus on the problems caused by miscommunication. The district will now be required to have a clear communication plan and to submit monthly progress reports to the MSBA that will be assessable to the public.

Representative Atkins is delighted that funding will be restored and that the project will move forward. “It was extremely helpful to me during the negotiations that this project has almost universal support in my communities,” said Atkins.

Conflict in Concord arose when members of the community questioned whether they would get the school they voted for. From now on, any and all modifications will be clearly communicated to the public after being approved by the MSBA.

“This is a significant victory for the community. I want to thank the people of Concord and Carlisle for their support and commitment to this project,” said Atkins.

For more information about the high school building project, please contact the Concord-Carlisle Building Committee at www.cchsbuilding.org, by phone at 978-341-2490 x-8122, or by email at info@cchsbuilding.org.