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Town Manager



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## INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** Tuesday, November 28, 2023  
**TO:** Town Clerk  
**FROM:** Michael Borg *MB 28 Nov 23*  
**CC:** Dr. John Antonucci Superintendent of Schools  
Ernie Sandland Director of Facilities for the Schools  
Linda Catanzariti Town Accountant  
Chris Sweet Treasurer/Tax Collector  
**RE:** **Measure 2024-039- Approval to repurpose funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects (Measure 2023-015) to be used for Modular Class Refurbishment for existing units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.**

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**Town Council Meeting- President Justin Paré**  
**Measure 2024-039- Approval to repurpose funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects (Measure 2023-015) to be used for Modular Class Refurbishment for existing units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.**

**Purpose and Justification:**

**Purpose:** The purpose of this request is to seek approval for the re-purposing of Capital Funds, voted from FY23 Free Cash allocated under Measure 2023-015. These funds were initially designated for the Modular Class Replacement project with an allocation of \$450,000.00. However, we propose reallocating these funds to refurbish the existing modular units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.

**Justification:** The original intention behind allocating \$450,000.00 from Measure 2023-015, Account 30300315-582011, was to finance the replacement of one of the Town's existing modular classrooms. After conducting a comprehensive analysis, it has become evident that reallocating these funds for the refurbishment of modular units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools is a more practical and beneficial use of resources.

The refurbishment project will encompass a range of critical improvements to both the exterior and interior of these modular units, including but not limited to:

**1. Building Entrance Enhancements:** Upgrades to building entrances, including ramps, doors, and ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessibility features, will ensure that

**the modular units meet current accessibility standards. This will enhance the overall usability of these units for all students and staff.**

**2. Exterior Renovations: Siding replacement and other exterior enhancements will not only improve the aesthetic appeal of the units but also bolster their structural integrity and weather resistance. This will lead to increased durability and longevity.**

**3. Window Replacement: Upgrading the windows will enhance energy efficiency, increase natural light inside the classrooms, and provide improved insulation, contributing to a more comfortable and environmentally friendly learning environment.**

**4. Flooring Improvements: Replacing or refurbishing flooring within the modular units will not only enhance the visual appeal but also address safety and hygiene concerns, ensuring a suitable and healthy space for students.**

**By reallocating these funds to refurbish the modular units at the North Attleborough, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools, we can extend the useful life of these facilities, provide safer and more accessible learning environments for students, and enhance the overall quality of the educational experience. This decision aligns with responsible fiscal stewardship and the commitment to improving educational infrastructure for the benefit of our community.**

**Therefore, we respectfully request approval to re-purpose \$450,000.00 from Measure 2023-015, Account 30300315-582011, originally designated for the Modular Class Replacement project, to be redirected towards the Modular Class Refurbishment at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Schools. This reallocation of funds will serve the best interests of our educational community and ensure the efficient utilization of available resources.**

The Town Council met on November 13, 2023, and on behalf of the Council, Councilor Donovan made a motion to refer Measure 2024-039- Approval to repurpose funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects (Measure 2023-015) to be used for Modular Class Refurbishment for existing units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools to the Finance Sub-Committee for further review and consideration.

Councilor Gregory seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 7-0.**

The Finance Sub-Committee met on November 21, 2023, and on behalf of the Sub-Committee a motion was made by Councilor Donovan to refer back to the Full Town Council Measure 2024-039- Approval to repurpose funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects (Measure 2023-015) to be used for Modular Class Refurbishment for existing units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools to the Finance Sub-Committee with a favorable recommendation.

Councilor Costello seconded the motion.

**Motion carried 6-0. UNANIMOUS**

The Town Council met on November 27, 2023, and on behalf of the Council, a motion was made by Vice-President Simmons to approve Measure 2024-039- Approval to repurpose funds in the amount of \$450,000.00 from previous School Capital Improvement Projects (Measure 2023-015) to be used for Modular Class Refurbishment for existing units at the North Attleborough High School, Falls, Amvet, and Roosevelt Elementary Schools.

The motion was seconded by Councilor Slobogan.

**Motion carried. 9-0. UNANIMOUS**