

## BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Ana C. Riley Superintendent of Schools

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Bristol Town Council Bristol Town Hall 10 Court Street Bristol, RI 02809

Re: Bristol Warren Regional School District Permit Fees

Dear Town of Bristol Councilors:

On behalf of the Bristol Warren RSD School Building Committee, we hereby request your consideration of a Building Permit Fee waiver for public benefit under RIGL 23-27.3-119 for the work being performed at Mt Hope High School, Colt Andrews Elementary School and Rockwell Elementary School.

BWRSD's project falls under the controlled construction requirements <u>RIGL 23-27.3-128.2.2</u>, therefore the registered design professionals working under Perkins Eastman Architects are readily available to ease any burden on Bristol's building department.

There are a number of ways in which a permit fee waiver would be mutually beneficial to BWRSD and the Town of Bristol, including:

- ✓ Building permit fees are in excess of the reimbursement cap under the RIDE school construction program; these costs would be 100% borne by the district.
- ✓ The project is proposed to be bonded over a period of 30 years, permit fees would be included in that bond amount and subject to interest charges, again 100% borne by the district.
- ✓ A fee waiver means the project costs are subject to less markup by construction general and sub-contractor(s).
- ✓ A fee waiver demonstrates continued partnership and commitment to the Town of Warren, a reciprocal gesture for the Hugh Cole and Kickemuit projects has also been requested.

For each of the reasons outlined herein, we respectfully request the Bristol Town Council's consideration of a fee waiver and look forward to continued collaboration with the Town of Bristol and a successful building project which is scheduled to open its doors to Bristol Warren Regional School District students in the Fall of 2027.

With our children in mind,

Ana C. Riley

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