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**Gary Christenson, Mayor**

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Malden City Council  
215 Pleasant Street  
Malden, MA 02148

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

I write to bring to your attention and provide additional information regarding the Northeast Metropolitan Regional Technical High School (Northeast Metro) proposed school building project.

On September 9<sup>th</sup>, the Northeast Metro School Committee voted to authorize the issuance of \$317M in debt as the next step in their efforts to construct a new vocational facility. The repayment of this debt will be apportioned to participating communities. Under this scenario, Malden's portion is \$1.2 million per year for 30 years.

Under M.G.L. Chapter 71, Section 16, the City Council has 60 days to vote on this matter. If no action is taken, Malden will be counted as a "yes" vote. If any single community's legislative body votes "no" then the matter is placed before the voters in an election administered by the Northeast Metro School Committee.

I will be emailing the correspondence I have received to date as well as additional materials that you may find helpful in your review. You may want to also seek the guidance of the City Solicitor given we don't often address matters involving this section of the law.

Sincerely,

**GARY CHRISTENSON**  
Mayor of Malden

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