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Mary Pichetti  
Director of Construction Management  
MA School Building Authority  
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Boston, MA 02109

Dear Ms. Pichetti:

The Town of Norton and the Norton School Committee have applied for a construction grant for the addition and renovation of the Norton High School. In accordance with G.L. Chapter 70B, Section 6(6) the Commissioner must certify "...that adequate provisions have been made in the school project for children with disabilities, as defined in section 1 of chapter 71B...".

Staff at the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has reviewed the architectural plans dated April 15, 2011 and the program description provided on May 5, 2011 to document planned spaces for special education programs in the proposed high school addition/renovation project. With the additional space provided by the new construction, adequate space will be available to enhance and expand current programming. We are satisfied that the planning of this high school project will provide the district with the opportunity to improve programs and services to its special education school population. I therefore, certify that this school project has been planned to adequately provide appropriate space to serve the programs and school populations referenced in G.L. Chapter 70B, Section 6(6) noted above.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Lynch, Director  
School Governance and Facility Support

c: Patricia H. Ansay, Superintendent  
Darlene Lynch, ESE