

NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

RE: 444-448 ORANGE STREET, Authorization for application for and acceptance of an ED049 grant from the Connecticut Department of Education for a renovation project at New Haven Academy (Superintendent of Schools).

REPORT: 1465-12

ADVICE: Approval

BACKGROUND

The superintendent of the New Haven Public Schools, Dr. Reginald Mayo, requests the approval to file an ED049 Grant Application with the State Department of Education for the renovation of the existing New Haven Academy on Orange Street at the corner of Bradley Street. The funding level of the grant is \$40,000,000; the project would include a funding period lasting from 7/1/2013-7/1/2018. The existing school building was constructed as a catholic elementary school (St. Mary's) in 1987. It is currently 47,703 square feet.

The school is an interdistrict magnet high school. As of October 1, 2011, the school had an enrollment of 263 students in grades 9-12; 91 in the ninth grade, 72 in the tenth grade, 71 in eleventh grade and 29 in the twelfth grade. Once the renovations are completed, there will be 4 classrooms per grade, science labs, a computer lab, art classrooms, and music classrooms.

PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The building will consist of 16 regular classrooms (excluding science, art, and music), for a projected highest student enrollment of 350 students, with a maximum class size of 22. No site acquisition is required for this project. Because the project will include complete renovation of the building, swing space will be required during construction. The building will be approximately 70,600 gross square feet/ 67,100 net square feet upon completion.


If this grant application is authorized by the Board of Aldermen to proceed, this project may be included in the State Education Commissioner's submission to the 2013 legislature and approved by the General Assembly in the spring of 2013. Architects would then be selected and School-Based Building Advisory Committee formed, with neighborhood, school, and other representation.

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ADOPTED: May 16, 2012
Edward Mattison
Chair

ATTEST:


Karyn M. Gilvarg AIA
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