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Dear Review Committee,

As the Chair of the Framingham School Committee, I am writing to share the School Committee's unanimous support and enthusiasm for the application to the Renew America's Schools grant. The School Committee is responsible for exercising co-leadership with the Superintendent in the vision, planning, policy making, evaluation, and advocacy for the mission of continuous improvement of student achievement in the district and to best serve the Framingham public schools and the community.

FPS's proposed plan to advance comprehensive clean energy solutions for the Farley Administration and Registration Building, the McCarthy Elementary School, and Harmony Grove Elementary School will provide an opportunity for the District, including the School Committee, to be better able to serve the community by lowering energy costs, fostering healthier indoor environments for building occupants, such as students, staff and families, and improving local resilience to climate change and natural hazards. Located within Environmental Justice neighborhoods, these upgrades will also support the numerous critical services that the Framingham Public Schools offer to families, students, and other valued members of the Framingham community. These plans also fit within the School Committee's building and grounds goal to promote energy efficiency and environmental actions within Framingham Public Schools.

The District is requesting an earmark of \$750,000 through the State to cover the entire cost of the requirement of the funding opportunity and if the request is not funded or only partially funded, the District will include the costs of our personnel and fringe costs in combination with current earmark funding and other funding sources if needed. The School Committee approved supporting this requested cost share.

We are excited for FPS's vision and look forward to supporting and collaborating on this energy community synergy project and hope you will consider this important opportunity to advance clean energy in the Commonwealth.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Priscila Sousa". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "P" and a long, sweeping underline.

Priscila Sousa
Framingham School Committee Chair