



NORWALK PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

125 East Avenue
Norwalk, Connecticut

MEMORANDUM

June 2, 2022

TO: Planning & Zoning Commission – Louis Schulman, Chairman

FROM: Bryan Baker, Principal Planner

SUBJECT: [#2022-21 Special Appropriation - City of Norwalk Board of Education/Building Management – Special appropriation request for South Norwalk Neighborhood School](#)

In January, one of the first actions of the newly combined Planning & Zoning Commission was to act on a special appropriation to take approved funding for the New Columbus School at Ely and Norwalk Global Academy projects and to reallocate that money to the South Norwalk Neighborhood School. The total cost of the two closed out projects was approximately \$76 million but the approved special appropriation for the South Norwalk Neighborhood School project was for a total of \$72 million. This new special appropriation request is for \$4 million to complete the funding of the South Norwalk Neighborhood School project and bringing the total expenditure back to the original \$76 million.

Per [City Ordinance 30-11](#), any additional obligations (financial requests not included in the capital budget) must be referred to the Planning & Zoning Commission and acted on within 10 days of the receipt, which in this case is June 4, 2022.


The role of the Planning & Zoning Commission is to review the special appropriation request for consistency with the [Plan of Conservation and Development](#).

The following resolution is offered:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Norwalk Planning & Zoning Commission that application #2022-21 Special Appropriation - City of Norwalk Board of Education/Building Management – Special appropriation request for South Norwalk Neighborhood School be **APPROVED**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the reasons for this action are to implement the following Plan of Conservation and Development goals, policies and actions:

1. That *“The Norwalk Public School system is the most successful city school system in Connecticut...”* (Chapter 5: A Community Committed to Life-Long Education); and
2. That *“The Modern Schools for a Growing City plan provides new and renovated schools to alleviate overcrowding and better serve students.”* (Chapter 5: A Community Committed to Life-Long Education); and
 - a. That phase I of the plan specifically lists *“A new school including magnet programs with new and*

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- renovated buildings in South Norwalk, where the need is greatest.”*
3. To “*Continue to update, modernize and maintain Norwalk’s infrastructure and city facilities*” (Chapter
 4. 11: Public Facilities, Infrastructure and Services).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of this action be forwarded to the Common Council.