

## NEW HAVEN CITY PLAN COMMISSION ADVISORY REPORT

**RE:** 185 GOFFE STREET, Authorization for application for and acceptance of an ED049 grant from the Connecticut Department of Education for a new Helene Grant Early Learning Center (Superintendent of Schools).

**REPORT:** 1465-11

**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 purpose of replacing the existing Helene Grant School with a new Early Learning Center on Goffe Street with a total project budget of \$43 million. It will be approximately 65,500 square feet.

The new school will combine the current populations of four early learning locations: the Helene Grant Center, the Early Learning Center on Blake Street, the Dwight Early Childhood Program and the Zigler Head Start Program. The four locations currently have approximately 525 students as of October 1, 2011. The new building will house the District's Admissions Office which is currently located at Gateway Center. A community meeting will be coordinated with Alders Brenda Foskey-Cyrus, Claudette Robinson-Thorpe and Frank E. Douglass, Jr.

### PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS

The new building will have 63,000 square feet for the school and all the related support space. It will also include approximately 2,500 square feet for the admissions office. No site acquisition is required for this project. Because the project will include demolition of the existing building, swing space will be required during construction. Architects will be selected for each project and School-Based Building Advisory Committees formed, with neighborhood, school, and other representation.

The existing Helene Grant School, constructed in 1964, is listed on the City's History Resources Inventory, and its demolition will be subject to the provisions of Section 9-50 of the Code of Ordinances pertaining to delay of demolition of historic resources.

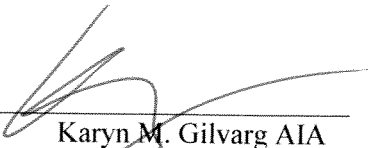
If this grant application is authorized by the Board of Aldermen by June 30, 2012, the project may be filed with the State Department of Education for inclusion in the State Education Commissioner's submission to the 2013 legislature and approved by the General Assembly in the spring of 2013. The ED049 grant application for this project is expected to be approved by the Citywide School Building Committee on May 10, 2012 and the Board of Education on May 14, 2012.

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**ADOPTED:** May 16, 2012  
Edward Mattison  
Chair

**ATTEST:**

  
Karyn M. Gilvarg AIA  
Executive Director