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Mr. David Hastings, Superintendent of Schools
Southern Berkshire, Regional School District
P.O. Box 339, 491 Berkshire School Road
Sheffield, MA 01257

Dear Superintendent Hastings,

I am pleased to inform you that the Department of Energy Resources (DOER) Renewable Energy Division has approved an award under the SAPHIRE program of \$360,000 towards the conversion of the oil heating system to biomass pellet boilers at the Southern Berkshire Regional School District.

The Division reviewed the District's grant application and has determined that this project is viable and meets the eligibility requirements of the SAPHIRE (Schools and Public Housing Integrating Renewables and Efficiency) program. Please note that the use of these funds is restricted to costs incurred specifically related to the conversion from heating oil to biomass pellet heating in the Mount Everett High/Undermountain Elementary Campus. Please be advised that, in the event that a funded project does not move forward, DOER will rescind the funding for that project and said funding may not be applied to other work.

In the next few weeks, Grant Coordinator Elise Anderson will follow up with you to discuss next steps, including coordination of the grant contract process. For any questions about this correspondence, please contact Elise Anderson at 617-626-7370 or elise.anderson@state.ma.us.

The Renewable Energy Division looks forward to working with the Southern Berkshire Regional School District on your grant project. We congratulate you on this grant award, and applaud your efforts to create a greener energy future for your community and for the Commonwealth as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Meg Lusardi".

Meg Lusardi,
Acting Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources

cc: E. Anderson, DOER
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