

BOARD OF HIGHER EDUCATION

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

NO.: BHE 26-65

BOARD DATE: May 19, 2026

APPROVAL OF MASSACHUSETTS STATE COLLEGE BUILDING AUTHORITY RESIDENCE HALL TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES, WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY

MOVED: The Board of Higher Education approves the Massachusetts State College Building Authority residence hall technology upgrades at Westfield State University, as follows:

1. The Commissioner of the Department Higher Education (the "Commissioner") is authorized and directed in the name and on behalf of the Board of Higher Education (the "Board") to make a written request to the Massachusetts State College Building Authority (the "Authority") that the Authority initiate the project for Westfield State University (the "University") described on Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. The Bonds issued by the Authority to finance the projects for which a request is hereby authorized may be issued together with or separately from bonds issued to carry out other projects of the Authority for which the Board authorizes a request.
3. The Commissioner and all other officers of the Board, each acting singly, are authorized to request the Secretary of Administration and Finance to approve in writing the initiation by the Authority of the projects for which a request is hereby authorized, and to do such other things and take such other action as the officer so acting shall, as conclusively evidenced by the taking of such action, deem necessary or desirable to be done or taken to carry into effect the matters hereby authorized.
4. The Board and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, acting by and through the Board, declare their official intent as referred to in Section 1.150-2 of the Treasury Regulations promulgated under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), that the Commonwealth shall be reimbursed from the proceeds of tax-exempt bonds reasonably expected to be issued by the Authority expenditures temporarily advanced by the Commonwealth (including in such term the Board and the State Universities) on or after the date which is 60 days prior to the effective date of this declaration of official intent (except for certain "preliminary expenditures" as defined in Section 1.150-2 of the Code or other amounts which are not subject to such time limitation) for projects for which a written request is hereby authorized, the maximum principal amount of such bonds

expected to be issued being **\$2,500,000** for expenditures for the Project (described in Exhibit A attached hereto).

VOTED: Motion adopted by the BHE on 5/19/2026.

Authority: Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 15A, Sections 4, 6, and 9; Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, sections 1-3, et seq., as amended

Contact: Matt Cole, Deputy Commissioner for Administration, Finance, and Operations

Exhibit A

**Massachusetts State College Building Authority
Westfield State University
WESTFIELD STATE UNIVERSITY RESIDENCE HALL TECHNOLOGY UPGRADES**

Project Description

- (a) The Authority is authorized to implement this project by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended; by Section 156 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010; and by Section 2 of Chapter 258 of the Acts of 2008;
- (b) The carrying out of preliminary work, including obtaining cost estimates, revenue estimates, preliminary design specifications, feasibility studies, surveys, and site analyses to determine the feasibility, approximate size, scope, purposes, location and other characteristics of any building, structure, or facility the Authority is authorized to provide;
- (c) The funding of IT technology, infrastructure and equipment upgrades across the campus, and enabling and related projects to support the Project; and
- (d) The carrying out of the provision and installation of IT equipment for other buildings, structures, or facilities now or hereafter owned or leased by the Authority, or used primarily by the students and staff of the University, and their dependents, and which the Authority is authorized by Chapter 703 of the Acts of 1963, as amended, to provide.

Project Overview

- This project will replace end of life network technology equipment and modernize residence hall technology infrastructure. The project directly supports student retention, enrollment competitiveness, academic success, equity, safety, and long-term institutional sustainability.
- This investment will prioritize technology upgrades across the University’s highest-impact residential facilities, including University Hall, New Hall, Courtney Hall, Scanlon Hall, Dickinson Hall, Davis Hall, residential apartments, and core dormitory network infrastructure. Improvements will deliver campus-wide high-speed connectivity, and increased network resilience.
- The Project revenue source for the repayment of the debt service will be residence hall rent revenue and/or university operating budget revenues.

Budget

Total Project Cost: \$2,000,000

Fund Source

Project Fund (Not To Exceed): 26A Bond Issuance \$2,500,000

Schedule

Project Completion: Fall 2027

