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**The agenda for this project progress meeting was:**

- 1.0 Schedule**
  
- 2.0 School Construction Review & Approval Process**
  
- 3.0 Next Meeting**

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**1.0      Schedule** **Action**

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1. WBRC has continued to move forward with site selection materials in order to stay on schedule even though the 3x3 decision on New Construction vs Renovation has yet to be approved by the City Council. The School Committee has voted on the 3x3 recommendation, approving New Construction over renovation.
2. The City Council will be considering the 3x3 and School Committee recommendation on October 15<sup>th</sup>.
3. The Portland School Departments first waiver extended the State Board of Education concept approval date from December 2006 to March 2008. Obtaining a second waiver is unprecedented. The project was able to make tier 2 (2009 bonding) because another project was ready to move up into our place in tier 1. Recently, other tier 2 projects have been considered for their first waiver extensions, and all of these projects have firm plans for meeting their bonding obligation. DOE has a full slate of 2010 bonded projects, so if the Portland School project does not make the 2009 bonding cycle, it could lose its place on the school facilities priority list.
4. Other issues that could affect a second waiver application would be a non-approval vote by the Portland City Council.

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**2.0      School Construction & Approval Process** **Action**

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1. The DOE is opposed to building on landfill sites and they have set precedence by rejecting a landfill site proposed for the Cumberland Middle School. They point out that it is a potential risk for the school facility and more importantly the students.
2. Any renovation would require the removal of all known hazardous material including the asbestos containing wall plaster at the Clifford School.
3. The next school facilities priority list for state funding is not anticipated until 2009 or 2010 and weighted consideration may be given to school projects from districts taking part in the states consolidation process.
4. WBRC will provide a recommendation for the Baxter site at the next 3x3 meeting.

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**3.0      Future Meetings** **Action**

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1. The next Project Progress meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Project Manager