May 6, 2020

The Honorable Phil Mendelson, Chairman
Council of the District of Columbia
1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Suite 504
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Mendelson:


The Resolution authorizes the issuance, sale, and delivery of tax-exempt revenue bonds, notes or other obligations in aggregate principal amount not to exceed $7,500,000.00 to provide for debt financing on a tax exempt or taxable basis and all of the cost incurred in connection with: (i) the acquisition, renovation and equipping of an educational facility located at 770 Kenyon St NW, Washington DC, and the relocation of the borrowers middle school to that location; (ii) the refinancing of certain taxable debt; and (iii) certain related expenditures including cost of issuance, credit costs and working capital.

In accordance with Section 490 of the Home Rule Act, we have determined that the bonds, when, as, and if issued, shall be without recourse to the District. The bonds shall not be general obligations of the District; shall not be a pledge of or involve the full faith and credit or the taxing power of the District; shall not constitute a debt of the District; and shall not constitute a lending of public credit for private undertakings as prohibited in section 602(a) (2) of the Home Rule Act. The bonds shall not give rise to any pecuniary liability of the District and the District shall have no obligation with respect to the purchase of the bonds.

I find that the proposed financing will assist in furthering the efforts Meridian Public Charter School in providing, cultural, education, trade, commerce and employment opportunities to the citizens of the District of Columbia. I urge the Council to take prompt and favorable action on the measure.

Muriel Bowser

Enclosures
A PROPOSED RESOLUTION

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

To declare the existence of an emergency with respect to authorizing and providing for the
issuance, sale, and delivery in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $7.5 million of
District of Columbia revenue bonds in one or more series, and to authorize and provide for
the loan of the proceeds of such bonds to assist the Meridian Public Charter School in the
financing, refinancing, or reimbursing of costs associated with an authorized project
pursuant to section 490 of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, that this
resolution may be cited as the “Meridian Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project
Emergency Declaration Resolution of 2020”.

Sec. 2. The Council finds that:

(1) Emergency legislation is necessary due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency to
ensure that Meridian Public Charter School can timely enter the bond market to make available
funds critically needed to finance, refinance, or reimburse the Borrower for certain costs related to
its facility.

Sec. 3. The Council of the District of Columbia determines that the circumstances
enumerated in section 2 constitute emergency circumstances making it necessary that the Meridian
Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Approval Resolution of 2020 be adopted after a single reading.

Sec. 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.
MEMORANDUM

TO:        William Liggins, Director  
D.C. Revenue Bond-Enterprise Zone Program  
Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning  
and Economic Development

FROM:      Andrea R. Littlejohn  
Assistant Attorney General

DATE:      April 17, 2020

SUBJECT:   Legal Sufficiency Review: Meridian Public Charter School Revenue Bonds  
Project Approval Resolution of 2020  
Meridian Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Approval Emergency  
Resolution of 2020  
Meridian Public Charter School Revenue Bonds Project Emergency Declaration  
Resolution of 2020

This responds to a request from your office to review for legal sufficiency the attached drafts of  
the above-referenced proposed resolutions. For purposes of this review, this Office premises its  
conclusion on the assumption that your office has determined that the Borrower as defined in the  
aforementioned resolution is a “qualified applicant” within the meaning of Section 490 of the  
District of Columbia Home Rule Act.

A review of the attached drafts of the above-referenced proposed resolutions indicates that they  
conform with the Model Revenue Bond Resolution jointly drafted and determined to be legally  
sufficient by the General Counsel of the Council, the Office of the Attorney General, and the  
District's bond counsel. Accordingly, we find the attached drafts of the proposed resolutions  
legally sufficient. Please contact me at 724-7761 if you have further questions or concerns.

Attachments (3)

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