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TO: MAPPO, MCTA, MMA, MASBO, MASS, MAFA  
FROM: Massachusetts School Building Authority  
DATE: August 12, 2016  
RE: Fraudulent Entities Banking Information Request

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The purpose of this memo is to advise Districts of the potential for fraudulent requests to update banking and/or finance information. The MSBA would like to remind Districts that if they are being contacted by any consultants, contractors or vendors regarding payment instructions for services delivered regarding an MSBA project that the district use caution and ensure that it is from a legitimate party representing the consultant, contractor or vendor.

Over the past few months, there have been a few instances where Districts, with an active school project with the MSBA, have been contacted by a purported entity claiming to be a certain contractor for school projects. Those fraudulent entities have contacted the districts by phone and email. The notification states that they are updating their payment instructions and have sent a signed letter on what looks like the legitimate contractor's company letterhead listing "updated" payments instructions.

Please be aware that the MSBA will also be taking steps to confirm banking information from Districts regarding the payment of grants for the Capital Pipeline, Waiting List Annual, and Prior Grant payments.

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