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WHEREAS: The district operates a controlled choice lottery system to assign students to schools, with the goal of balancing family preference, equity, and diversity; and

WHEREAS: The Committee and the community are currently considering the future use of the new school building at 158 Spring Street; and

WHEREAS: Understanding parent choice patterns within the lottery system is essential to inform decisions about programming and to ensure that offerings align with family interests and community needs; and

WHEREAS: Parent feedback on what programming they most value—including programs not currently available in the district—would provide critical insight as the Committee evaluates future options; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent shall produce a report during the 2025–2026 school year analyzing parent choice patterns in the school lottery, including data on initial rankings, final assignments, and any notable demographic or geographic trends; be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent shall oversee the administration of a survey to families asking:

- What school they would have chosen had they been guaranteed their first choice, and
- What types of programming they would most like to see in the district that are not currently offered; be it finally

RESOLVED: That the report and survey findings shall be delivered to the School Committee no later than June 2026, so that the information may guide deliberations about programming for the building at 158 Spring Street and other future planning decisions.