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October 11, 2022

ORDERED:

That the following be adopted as amended and referred to the Superintendent:

WHEREAS: Climate change and air quality have significant impacts on the health, well-being, and future of the children the Cambridge Public School District (CPSD) serves; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge School Committee is committed to the health, well-being, and future of the children of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: Electrification of CPSD's school bus services would have a positive impact on climate change and the reduction of particulates in the air, benefiting our children and everyone in our Cambridge community; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public School District has been a leader in school bus electrification, participating in a pilot project in 2016 with two other Massachusetts school districts, funded through the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative and administered by the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources (DOER), which included a \$400,000 grant to Cambridge to purchase an electric school bus and a charging station, which are still in service in Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge has been a leader in reducing transportation-related emissions, including a Green Fleet policy requiring all municipal departments requesting new vehicles to compare options based on fuel economy and emissions, recognizing that a significant percentage of climate-change emissions in the city result from transportation; and

WHEREAS: The [Cambridge Climate Working Group Findings and Recommendations Report](#) recommends that all leased and owned school buses be electric vehicles; therefore be it

RESOLVED: That CPSD explore every opportunity to electrify our school bus fleet and school bus service taking into account the expiration of CPSD's current school bus contract on August 31, 2025; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPSD will explore and pursue any potentially beneficial funding opportunities including state and federal programs; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPSD will seek intermediate steps that advance us towards the goal of full electrification, including taking full advantage of the electric bus owned by CPSD; and be it further

RESOLVED: That CPSD will establish a plan, including a timeline, for full electrification of the CPSD school bus fleet and school bus service by September 2030 (or sooner if feasible); and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent will present an update and any recommendations for the plan for buses in CPS by June 30, 2023.

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Attest:

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Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

c: Superintendent
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