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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

March 7, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The Cambridge School Committee recognizes the need most working families have for after-school care; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee believes high-quality after-school programming benefits our student's academic and social-emotional growth; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge is fortunate to have numerous high-quality after-school partners, both public and non-profit; and

WHEREAS: Cambridge Public Schools worked with the Department of Human Services last year on an expansion plan to grow Community School capacity by over 100 seats, but, due to staffing challenges, more seats were not possible; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent and her team have worked diligently to identify classrooms and school space for after-school expansion, assisted in recruiting CPS staff who may be interested in after-school roles, and modified transportation plans to maximize access to after-school seats this school year; and

WHEREAS: The Department of Human Services (DHSP) currently aims to add 170 seats by Fall 2023, grow programs with stable staffing models, add full-time teachers to grow select Community School programs, and expend an additional ~\$1.5M towards this effort; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent explore the feasibility of providing additional space to accommodate the Community Schools expansion and explore opportunities to partner with the Department of Human Services (DHSP) in considering creative staffing models to support after-school programming; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent reports back to the Committee by April 4, 2023.

A true copy:



Attest:

Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion: #23-049

cc:
Mayor Siddiqui
Member Wilson
Vice Chair Rachel