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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

March 7, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: A Mock School Committee Meeting was held on February 10, 2023, for the Upper Schools Student Governments in the CRLS Media Café, and

WHEREAS: The Mock School Committee Meeting was organized by Sam Musher, Youth Advocate Specialist in the Office of Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, with the support of Director of Equity, Leslie Jimenez, Chief Equity Officer Manual Fernandez, and

WHEREAS: Tufts ACTION, which stands for Advancing Civic Thought In Our Nation, is a student-run organization that aims to promote youth civic engagement in the greater Boston area, and

WHEREAS: Alison Cedarbaum, Olivia Iannini, and Maxwell Dryfoos of Tufts ACTION, coordinated with Sam Musher, leading the CPS Upper Schools Student Government members in small group activities including brainstorming, consensus building, and voicing opinions; and

WHEREAS: The Upper School Student Government members meet and work in their schools with the following teacher-advisors:

- Marilyn Rottersman and Jose Oliveira – Rindge Ave Upper School (RAUS)
- Anays Baez –Cambridge Street Upper School (CSUS) with help from Assistant Principal Blaine Yesselman
- Mary Tiernan and Danielle Rivers – Putnam Ave Upper School (PAUS)
- Oksana Deinak –Vasal Lane Upper School (VLUS)
- Michael Batt – Amigos School; and

WHEREAS: The CPS Upper Schools Student Government members took their roles as School Committee members seriously and deliberated on the issues and projects that should be considered for the 2023 budget allocations; and

WHEREAS: CPS Upper Schools Student Government members discussed all options presented and voted on their 2023 budget recommendations for allocations of funds for the following issues:

- 50% funding to improve the choices, quality, and dietary options at the Upper Schools;
- 50% funding for improved bus schedules and addressing overcrowding on busses; therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee would like to thank and commend Sam Musher, Youth Advocate Specialist, the Tufts ACTION Crew, the Upper School Student Government Members, and their Advisors on a successful Mock School Committee Meeting that modeled exemplary civic engagement.

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Attest:

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Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion: #23-051

cc:
Member Hunter
Student Member Clemente
Student Member Escamilia-Salomon