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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

September 19, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The administration developed elementary school schedule guidelines to ensure that students receive adequate instruction time in core academic subjects; and

WHEREAS: The guidelines address significant differences between individual Cambridge Public Schools' instruction time for particular subjects; and

WHEREAS: Schools have created their SY23-24 schedules accordingly; and

WHEREAS: Some have interpreted the scheduling guidelines as detailed mandates rather than guidelines, resulting in concerns over rigid learning conditions; and

WHEREAS: Caregivers from every CPS school have contacted the School Committee and Superintendent with concerns about reduced play, nutrition, rest, and transition times; and

WHEREAS: The Superintendent's team clarified, at the August 8 meeting, that the guidelines would neither prevent extending class meeting times when students need longer nor providing requisite transition time between classes; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the administration issues written communication to CPS staff and school community confirming that the elementary schedule guidelines are advisory and that principals and educators have the trust of the Committee and Superintendent to adjust as they see fit.

A true copy:



Attest:

Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Late Order
cc:
Vice-Chair Rachel
Member Fantini
Member Hunter
Member Rojas
Member Weinstein
Member Wilson
Mayor Siddiqui
Superintendent