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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

November 21, 2023

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: The American Montessori Association Accreditation team recently recommended that we explore the possibility of a more traditional three-year Upper Elementary program. Currently, the Tobin School has been granted a variance for the non-traditional grouping of the Upper Elementary Program; and

WHEREAS: Our current model consists of a Children’s House and Lower Elementary program where children spend three years in each program while in our Upper Elementary Program children only spend two years; and

WHEREAS: The Tobin Montessori School has a solid track record of preparing Cambridge Public School students academically and socially, thanks to strong leadership and committed staff; and

WHEREAS: Allowing students to remain in Upper Elementary for three years, as opposed to two, allows children to develop their leadership skills further, build deeper academic skills using the Montessori materials, and take on larger, long-term projects that would help them develop stronger executive functioning and long-term planning skills; and be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee go on record to explore the recommendation of the accreditation team to extend the Upper Elementary Program to three years; and now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee refer the matter to the Superintendent for further review of the recommendations from the Accreditation team to explore implications of such a change including but not limited to the budget impact, upper school enrollment, and feeder patterns; and be it further

RESOLVED: The Superintendent will provide a report and recommendation to the committee a plan of action for the possible next steps.

A true copy:

Attest: *Ariel B. Kennebrew*
Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion #23-278
cc:
Member Fantini
Vice-Chair Rachel
Member Rojas
Member Hunter
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Member Weinstein

Member Wilson
Superintendent