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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE-

December 17, 2024

MEMBERS RICHARD HARDING, JR. ELIZABETH HUDSON JOSÉ LUIS ROJAS DAVID J. WEINSTEIN RACHEL B. WEINSTEIN

ORDERED:

That the following remain on Unfinished Business/Calendar:

WHEREAS: The Tobin Montessori School was recently recognized by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and by the Cambridge Public Schools Superintendent for its high student achievement;

WHEREAS: The Tobin Montessori School is leading the way within the Cambridge Public School District, delivering clear, measurable progress in narrowing gaps in achievement between students with different backgrounds – an issue that the District has long stated is its most important; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee went on record a year ago supporting the expansion of the and directed the Superintendent to "...provide a report and recommendation to the committee a plan of action for the possible next steps..."; and

WHEREAS: No report nor recommendation was ever made; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee request that the Superintendent provide a preliminary report on the feasibility of making this change, and a recommendation from the Superintendent as to whether next steps are warranted and what those next steps would be, no later than December 31, 2024 (with the definition of preliminary to be determined by the Superintendent). Tobin Montessori program (specifically, "...to explore the recommendation of the American Montessori Association Accreditation team to extend the Tobin Montessori Upper Elementary Program to three years...") and referred 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..."

A true copy:

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Katherine Christo Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

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Member Hudson Member Harding Vice Chair Hunter Member Rachel Member Rojas Member Weinstein Mayor Simmons Superintendent