CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141



March 7, 2023

TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Approval of Revisions to the School Admissions Policy

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revisions to the School

Admissions Policy as detailed in the attached document.

Description: This is a second reading of revisions to the School Admissions Policy.

Supporting Data: The School Admissions Policy

Respectfully submitted,

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All children of school age who meet the school entrance age criteria are of school age who actually reside in the City of Cambridge shall be entitled to attend the public schools, as well as certain children who do not reside in the City but who are considered homeless under the McKinney Vento Act and/or are admitted under School Committee policies relating to nonresident students or by specific action of the School Committee.

Advance registration is required for prospective preschool students who meet the entrance age criteria as outlined in Policy JEB: School Entrance Age. The registration for prospective preschool students will be managed by the City of Cambridge Office of Early Childhood.

Advance registration for prospective kindergarten students will take place on a rolling basis starting in January for the following school year and is considered the "First Cycle" under the Cambridge Public Schools Controlled Choice Policy and each month thereafter is considered a cycle. Every student seeking admission to school for the first time must present a birth certificate or equivalent proof of age acceptable to the Family Resource Student Registration Center and proof of vaccination and immunizations as required by the state and the School Committee. Proof of residency is also required.

Deleted: of legal guardianship

LEGAL REFS.: M.G.L.c. 15, §1G; c. 76, §§1, 5, 15 & 15A

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Adopted: June 16, 2009

<u>Suggested revisions presented to the School Committee: January 17, 2023</u> <u>Second revisions presented to the School Committee: March 7, 2023</u>