## CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141



February 6, 2024

## TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Approval of Revisions to the High School Health Graduation Requirement

Recommendation:

That the School Committee approve the revisions to Policy IKF- High

School Health Graduation Requirement as a result of the February 1, 2022

Order #22-026 as detailed in the attached document.

Description:

This revision would allow us to maintain the fifteen (15) health credit requirement while supporting student course enrollment choices by:

- 1. Allowing students in the Class of 2026 to enroll in the Health II course in either grade 11 or 12.
- 2. Starting with the Class of 2027, students can enroll in the Health II course in grades 10, 11 or 12.

Respectfully submitted,

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February 1, 2022

## ORDERED:

WHEREAS: Cambridge Rindge and Latin School students have spoken out about troubling levels of sexual harassment and assault; and

WHEREAS: Students have repeatedly advocated for more education around consent and prevention of gender- and sex-based discrimination; and

WHEREAS: Educators in the Wellness and Athletics Departments as well as school leadership have joined the students in pushing for additional required Health instruction; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee and Interim Superintendent are on record supporting further Health education that would address sexual assault prevention, consent, healthy relationships, and related matters; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee holds that this supplementary learning would help improve the climate at the high school as well as better prepare students for external situations; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee changes File IKF High School Graduation Requirements Policy from five Health credits to fifteen Health credits, providing a second semester of Health courses for the class of 2026 in their junior year and every class thereafter; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Wellness Department will develop the new curriculum in collaboration with a group of students representative of the student body; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the School Committee revises File IHAE Physical Education Policy to specify that waivers provided to CRLS students participating in approved team sports will apply to physical education, but not Health course requirements.

A true copy:

Attest:

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Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

c: Vice Chair Rachel Member Wilson Mayor Siddiqui Interim Superintendent

Motion #22-21