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**C21-015**

**--In School Committee--**  
01/05/2021

Ordered:

That the following be placed on the Calendar:

Whereas the Cambridge Public Schools District Plan commits to supporting the whole child; and

Whereas children's basic needs must be met if they are to reach their full potential; and

Whereas the Commonwealth's data from 2019 reflects that over one quarter of Cambridge Public School scholars are economically disadvantaged and nearly one half have high needs; and

Whereas the pandemic has resulted in a dramatic increase of families struggling to secure basic needs, and underscored how positive partnerships between schools and families are critical to reimagining the school system post-pandemic; and

Whereas the CPSD Food and Nutrition Services Department, Food for Free, The Spot, individual family liaisons and teachers, and others are working to support students and families; now therefore be it

Resolved that, at the Regular meeting on March 2, 2021, the Superintendent will report to the School Committee and the public on existing systems for how the district identifies and responds to the needs of scholars and families in the district; and be it further Resolved that, at that meeting, the Superintendent's team will bring to the School Committee recommendations for measurable, actionable strategies the department could take for proactively attending to the needs of scholars and families.

A true copy:

Dosha E. Beard  
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

c:  
Member Wilson  
Member Rachel

Motion # 21-14