October 7, 2025

**WHEREAS**: The Cambridge School Committee is committed to the safety, well-being, and informed civic participation of all students; and

**WHEREAS**: There is a recognized need for young people to receive age-appropriate, accessible education about their rights, responsibilities, and best practices when engaging with law enforcement; and

**WHEREAS**: The Cambridge Public Schools and City agencies share a responsibility to ensure that students are equipped with the knowledge and tools to de-escalate interactions with police and navigate those situations safely; and

**WHEREAS**: The Committee believes that providing proactive guidance in these areas—particularly through schools, afterschool programs, and workforce development initiatives—may help prevent minor incidents from escalating and may foster greater trust between youth and public safety personnel; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That the Superintendent be and hereby is requested to consult with the relevant School personnel to assess what programs, curricula, or messaging currently exist to educate students on how to engage with law enforcement in a safe and respectful manner; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That the School Committee requests a report back identifying any such existing efforts within the Cambridge Public Schools or affiliated programs, and recommending what additional programming, partnerships, or best practices might be introduced if current efforts are insufficient; and be it further

**RESOLVED**: That this report include feedback from students, educators, youth workers, and public safety officials on how to most effectively deliver this messaging to young people, with the goal of reducing the risk of escalation and promoting positive community relations.