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May 2, 2023

ORDERED:

That the Superintendent's Recommendation, #23-079, be adopted as follows: that the School Committee remove the COVID-19 vaccination requirement for student sports and extra-curricular activities for the 2023-2024 school year.

Description:

The COVID-19 vaccination requirement helped improve vaccination rates and lower risk for those participating in certain higher-risk activities at a time when levels of transmission of COVID-19 in our community were high and that in that moment of time of the pandemic, the requirement was the right thing to do. Further, members of the COVID-19 Health & Safety Working Group acknowledge that; given that conditions have improved and there is better immunity (both from having the disease and from vaccinations) the current requirement which speaks to continuing the initial vaccination series rather than updating boosters may be considered less essential but the School Committee should do everything possible to continue to encourage vaccination against COVID-19.

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Attest: 
Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

c: Superintendent