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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

November 19, 2024

ORDERED:

WHEREAS: Passing the MCAS will stop being a state-mandated graduation requirement starting with the class of 2025, unless action is taken by the legislature; and

WHEREAS: Now districts will need to certify that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards; and

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) awaits guidance from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) on how to handle this change; and

WHEREAS: Former high school students who did not pass the MCAS tests but met all other graduation requirements may be eligible re-enroll to receive a high school diploma; and

WHEREAS: The District’s mission is that CPS delivers an excellent education that inspires, acknowledges, empowers, and supports every student on their personal journey to achieve their highest potential in and beyond school and as productive members of their communities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee and the CPS Administration will undertake a review of high school graduation requirements to establish any potential new requirements and to revise existing ones that might be needed to ensure the district is meeting its mission and vision for all of our graduates, in addition to certifying that students have mastered the skills, competencies and knowledge of the state standards; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent will present a plan for this review by or before February 24, 2025.

A true copy:

Attest:

Katherine Christo  
Executive Secretary to the Cambridge School Committee

Motion #24-287

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- Member Rojas
- Member Hudson
- Member Weinstein
- Member Harding
- Vice Chair Hunter
- Mayor Simmons
- Superintendent