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C20-196

--In School Committee--
07/14/2020

Ordered:

Whereas Due to COVID-19, many traditional polling locations in the City of Cambridge cannot be used to protect the safety of election workers, voters, and vulnerable populations in nursing homes and senior housing; and

Whereas across Massachusetts and the country, communities are deciding to relocate polling locations to schools where physical distancing requirements can be met; therefore be it

Resolved that the Sub-Committee on Building and Grounds recommends that the School Committee grant the request from the Board of Election Commissioners in a letter dated July 9, 2020, to use the following schools as polling locations on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, and Tuesday, November 3, 2020: 1. Kennedy School, 158 Spring Street 2. Martin Luther King Jr School, 102 Putnam Avenue 3. Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, 459 Broadway 4. Longfellow School, 359 Broadway 5. Haggerty School, 110 Cushing Street

Be it further resolved the Board of Election Commissioners continues using the schools that are currently polling locations: 1. Morse School, 40 Granite Street 2. Baldwin School, 28 Sacramento Street 3. Graham and Parks School, 47 Linnaean Street 4. Peabody School, 70 Rindge Avenue

Be it further resolved given safety concerns for our staff, CPSD will ensure staff and educators are provided safe working conditions on September 1, 2020, Primary Election Day, which is also a professional development day for the district; and

Be it further resolved that CPSD will close school buildings and provide virtual instruction on November 03, 2020, General Election Day, or close schools entirely with no instruction and make up the day at the end of the school year.

A true copy:

Dosha E. Beard
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee
Motion # 20-149