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C21-049

--In School Committee--
02/02/2021

Ordered:

That the following was adopted as amended:

Whereas: The sooner CPS school personnel are vaccinated, the sooner the district will be able to welcome more students back into our school buildings; and

Whereas: The School Committee is concerned about the mental health and academic growth of our young people and about the health of the dedicated professionals who serve our children, and the families of staff and students; and

Whereas: Across our communities, young people are struggling with mental health crises either brought on by the pandemic or exacerbated by it; and

Whereas: Many of our students struggle with remote learning, and many need more social interaction with their peers than we are able to provide at a distance; and

Whereas: Furthermore, many families (including teachers) struggle to simultaneously care for children who are learning remotely while doing the work they must to support their families and communities; and

Whereas: The Cambridge Public Schools are slated to begin a limited expansion of in-person learning on March 1; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee go on record urging Governor Baker to expedite vaccines for all classroom, food services, custodial, school transportation and school-based staff in the Commonwealth, moving these critical workers to the top of the Commonwealth's second phase (aligning with CDC phase 1b) and allowing all-in person educators and staff to have the opportunity to receive both vaccines doses before March 1 limited expansion of in-person learning; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Governor, the Commissioner of Public Health, the Commissioner of Education, the Secretary of Education, and the Cambridge state legislative delegation.

A true copy:

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Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Member Rachel
Member Weinstein, Member Rojas

Motion # 21-42