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--In School Committee--
10/11/2022

Ordered:

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools exist to educate children, to prepare them for success in their careers, families, communities, and lives; and

WHEREAS: The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has declared November 20 as World Children's Day, marking the adoption of the Convention on the Rights of the Child; and

WHEREAS: The Convention on the Rights of the Child is the most widely ratified human rights treaty in the world, outlining civil rights, access to healthcare and education, and freedom of speech and thought all people under 18 years old deserve; and

WHEREAS: The Convention on the Rights of the Child explains how children are simultaneously individuals as well as dependents, reliant on adults and the State to protect them and their families; and

WHEREAS: The United States has signed the treaty, but has not ratified it, becoming the only country in the United Nations not to have ratified the Convention; and

WHEREAS: This year's World Children's Day theme is equality and inclusion, two values the Cambridge Public Schools shares; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge Public Schools goes on record recognizing World Children's Day, and be it further

RESOLVED: That, by forwarding this resolution to each member of our Congressional delegation, the School Committee requests that our federal representatives push for ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

A true copy:



Ariel B. Kennebrew
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Vice Chair Rachel
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Motion # 22-251