



## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING RECENT JUVENILE WEAPON INCIDENTS AND SCHOOL SAFETY COORDINATION

**WHEREAS**, within a short timeframe, several serious incidents involving juveniles and weapons have occurred in the City of Boston, including the arrest of a 15-year-old in Dorchester in possession of a loaded firearm with a defaced serial number, a stabbing at Boston International High School, a firearm recovered at Roxbury Prep, and a firearm-related incident near Murphy School at dismissal; and

**WHEREAS**, the safety of students, educators, families, and school communities is a fundamental responsibility shared by the City of Boston, Boston Public Schools, and the Boston Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, while each incident may have distinct circumstances, the frequency and proximity of these events have raised concerns regarding coordination, intelligence sharing, communication protocols, dismissal procedures, and prevention strategies; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boston City Council has a duty to ensure transparency, accountability, and proactive policy responses when public safety concerns impact school communities;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine trends in juvenile firearm possession and school-based violence; the role of the Youth Violence Strike Force and coordination between district officers and Boston Public Schools; intelligence sharing and threat assessment protocols; communication standards between the Boston Police Department, Boston Public Schools, school leadership, families, and elected officials; school dismissal and perimeter safety procedures; early intervention and youth violence prevention strategies currently being deployed; and trauma-informed support resources available to impacted students and staff.

This hearing is intended to strengthen collaboration and ensure that the City is responding comprehensively, strategically, and transparently to protect our young people and school communities.

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