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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools has an annual budget of \$1.4 billion in Fiscal Year 2024, which accounts for one-third of the city's annual budget; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools must use the final ESSER federal pandemic funds by the end of 2024, thus creating difficult funding decisions for the second half of Fiscal Year 2025; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Enrollment in Boston Public Schools has been declining for a decade, with now only approximately 48,000 students; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools has made gains in diversifying its workforce in the past few years, which could now be rolled back amid budget cuts; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools will soon be making recommendations regarding the future of many school buildings under the Green New Deal for Schools; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools should not make any cuts to teachers or contributions to its popular programming such as Boston After School and Beyond; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Seventy-nine percent of Boston voters approved a measure calling for an elected school committee in 2021, and the Boston City Council approved an elected school committee in 2023; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council is the only elected municipal body and also has district representation, the Council is best positioned to represent the city's constituents in regards to the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper plans to present the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget to the School Committee on Feb. 7, 2024; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

**ORDERED:** That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the Fiscal Year 2025 Boston Public Schools budget, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

Filed on: Jan. 31, 2024