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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION CALLING FOR AN INDEPENDENT PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SPENDING, STAFFING, AND RESOURCE ALLOCATION

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools operates with an annual budget of approximately \$1.7 billion, representing one of the largest investments of public resources in the City of Boston; and

WHEREAS, recent budget discussions have included significant proposed reductions in school-based staffing, including teachers and classroom aides, raising serious concerns about impacts on classroom learning, student support, and school stability; and

WHEREAS, these reductions come at a time when students require increased academic, social, and emotional support, raising questions about whether resources are being allocated in alignment with student needs; and

WHEREAS, ensuring fiscal responsibility within Boston Public Schools is essential to protecting classroom resources, preserving critical school-based positions, and preventing decisions that negatively impact students and families; and

WHEREAS, at the March 26, 2026 Boston School Committee meeting, Chair Jeri Robinson stated that "both at the school level and at central office, it's time for an audit," underscoring the need for greater accountability and review; and

WHEREAS, questions have been raised regarding spending patterns, central office growth, staffing allocations, and whether resources are being directed effectively to support students and classrooms; and

WHEREAS, families and educators continue to report challenges related to resource allocation, service delivery, and support for students, particularly those with the greatest needs; and

WHEREAS, Boston residents deserve confidence that education funding is being used efficiently, equitably, and in a manner that prioritizes student outcomes and classroom support; and

WHEREAS, an independent performance audit would provide a comprehensive and objective review of how Boston Public Schools allocates resources, staffs its schools and central office, and delivers services to students;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls for a comprehensive, independent performance audit of Boston Public Schools' spending, staffing, and operational practices; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That such audit shall examine school-level and central office expenditures, staffing levels and growth, resource allocation, program effectiveness, and alignment with student needs and academic outcomes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the findings of this audit be made publicly available to ensure full transparency, accountability, and improved outcomes for Boston students and families.

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