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**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO AUDIT THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
EFFORTS OF BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOL'S "GREEN NEW DEAL" AND
"LONG-TERM FACILITIES PLAN"**

- WHEREAS,** One of the fundamental responsibilities of the Boston City Council is to ensure that there is accountability, transparency, and accessibility in all city business, including the Boston Public Schools" ; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Meaningful community engagement is essential for creating trust, inclusivity, and responsiveness in decision-making processes, particularly in initiatives that impact public education; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Green New Deal and the Long Term Facilities Plan are significant undertakings by Boston Public Schools aimed at addressing environmental sustainability and improving educational facilities, respectively; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The success and effectiveness of the initiatives depend on robust community involvement to ensure that the diverse needs and concerns of stakeholders are considered, addressed and included; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Community and parent groups have expressed dissatisfaction with the level of responsiveness from Boston Public Schools administration regarding their concerns and grievances related to the projects; *and*
- WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools' commitment to racial equity and social justice requires a comprehensive examination of the community engagement strategies employed in the development and implementation, ensuring that the voices of historically marginalized communities are heard and integrated into decision-making processes; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council has an obligation to ensure accountability, transparency, and oversight over Boston Public Schools and city spending, including in regards to the large amounts of funding for implementing the Green New Deal and Long-Term Facilities Plan; *and*

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing regarding government transparency and accountability in the community engagement efforts of Boston Public School's "Green New Deal" and "Long-Term Facilities Plan." Representatives from the Boston Public School, BPS parents, BPS students, members of the public, and any other interested parties shall be invited and are encouraged to attend.

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