

OFFERED BY COUNCILORS BRIAN WORRELL, HENRY SANTANA, JULIA MEJIA, BREADON, DURKAN, FITZGERALD, FLYNN, LOUIJEUNE, MURPHY, PEPEN, AND WEBER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' FY27 BUDGET

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2026 budget totals more than \$1.6 billion; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools' Fiscal Year 2027 budget will reflect savings of the closure and mergers of four schools, and will also include the first year of inclusion at every grade level in every school; *and*

WHEREAS, The Boston School Committee remains an unelected body, despite a 2021 non-binding resolution that was supported by 79 percent of Boston voters, thus leaving the City Council as the only direct district-level line from constituents to the Boston Public Schools budget; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Mary Skipper will present the FY27 budget to the School Committee on the first Wednesday of February; *and*

WHEREAS, For Fiscal Year 2025 and 2026, the City Council worked collaboratively with Boston Public Schools starting months in advance to allow more advocacy from the Council before the School Committee approved the budget in March; *and*

WHEREAS, Committees and the City Council members for the FY27 budget won't be settled until after the recently established timeline for engaging with Boston Public Schools; *and*

WHEREAS, In the interest of creating a continuous and predictable budget procedure regardless of the Ways & Means chair during the next Council term, this recent calendar should be continued; *and*

WHEREAS, Boston Public Schools will begin actively working on the Fiscal Year 2027 budget starting in the fall of 2025, and the City Council should be engaged during that time to better advocate for priorities of the students in FY27; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the Ways & Means Committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing on the FY27 budget in November, and that representatives of Boston Public Schools and other interested parties be invited to attend.

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