



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A RESOLUTION CALLING FOR “SUNDAYS FOR ALL”

WHEREAS, Mayor Michelle Wu announced BPS Sundays on January 9, 2024 at the State of the City. This is an unprecedented partnership between the City of Boston, Boston Public Schools, and six of our City's leading cultural institutions; *and*

WHEREAS, On the first and second Sunday of each month, the Museum of Fine Arts, the Boston Children’s Museum, the Museum of Science, the Institute of Contemporary Art, the Franklin Park Zoo, and the Aquarium are free of charge for all Boston Public School students and up to three family members; *and*

WHEREAS, There are 45,742 students enrolled in the Boston Public Schools. There are 13,000 Boston children who attend charter schools, nearly 7,000 Boston children who attend parochial or private schools, more than 3,000 Boston children who attend METCO, and 273 Boston children are homeschooled; *and*

WHEREAS, Our parochial, METCO, and charter schools educate many first generation immigrants, and a high percentage are English Language Learners. Over 80% of charter school students are children and young adults of color, and over 70% of students come from low-income households; *and*

WHEREAS, This is a wonderful opportunity for families who have children enrolled in Boston Public Schools, but we are concerned that deserving students and families are being left out of this free program if it is not expanded to include ALL Boston families, regardless of what school their children attend.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED:

That the Boston City Council supports expanding the BPS Sundays initiative, that is using tax dollars to fund a large portion of the million-dollar expense, to include all City of Boston children. It could be called ***Sundays For All*** to be more inclusive and ensure that we are **Leaving No Child Behind**.