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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TRANSPORTATION FOR STUDENT ATHLETES

WHEREAS: Many of our student athletes and BPS athletic teams practice and compete at facilities that are far away from their schools, and are reliant on school buses to transport athletes to their games and practices; *and*

WHEREAS: However, there are instances where school buses do not show up at all for student athletes who are expecting transportation, leaving them stranded at their schools, or have to find transportation on their own to get to their games; *and*

WHEREAS: Last week, the Excel High School baseball team was left stranded without transportation from BPS for their first game of the season, which frustrated students and parents and forced them to make last minute transportation plans; *and*

WHEREAS: This is unfortunately not a new issue, as the Boston Globe reported in 2022 on how student athletes often had to scramble to find ways to get to games outside of the city because there were no buses available, and parents from Excel High School have also noted that the lack of transportation last week was not an isolated problem; *and*

WHEREAS: Student athletes need to be supported and be able to attend their games in and out of the city, and BPS need to ensure that there are enough buses to transport our student athletes; *and*

WHEREAS: There should be reliability and predictability in BPS transportation for our student athletes, so that they can prepare and make plans about transportation ahead of their games, and be able to arrive at the location on time; *and*

THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED:

That the appropriate Committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss Boston Public Schools transportation for student athletes. Representatives from Boston Public Schools and other relevant and interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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