OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ENRIQUE J. PEPÉN, JOHN FITZGERALD, BRIAN WORRELL, BREADON, CULPEPPER, DURKAN, FLYNN, LOUIJEUNE, MURPHY, SANTANA, AND WEBER

CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

RESOLUTION CALLING ON BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO FULLY PARTNER WITH THE MASSACHUSETTS SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL PROGRAM

WHEREAS, The Massachusetts Safe Routes to School (MA SRTS) Program is a federally funded initiative administered by MassDOT that provides free education, incentive materials, programming support, and access to federal funding to help students safely walk and bike to school; *and*

WHEREAS, Enrollment in MA SRTS requires only a brief online registration designating district contact information, and full participation enables schools to access MassDOT federal funding at no cost to the District or the City; *and*

WHEREAS, Only 58 of 103 eligible BPS schools are enrolled in the MA SRTS program, meaning that nearly half of Boston's public school students are unable to benefit from the program's resources and federal funding; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS, serving tens of thousands of students, is the largest school district in Massachusetts not yet fully partnered with MA SRTS, while other nearby cities including Cambridge, Lowell, Lynn, Fall River, and Brockton have achieved full enrollment; *and*

WHEREAS, Safe Routes to School programming directly advances the goals shared by the City Council and the Mayor, including reducing vehicle-pedestrian conflicts, encouraging active transportation, and fostering community engagement around school safety; *and*

WHEREAS, Every Boston student deserves access to the safest possible route to school, regardless of their neighborhood, and full participation in MA SRTS is a no-cost, immediately available step toward that goal; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

RESOLVED: That the Boston City Council calls on the Boston Public Schools to immediately complete enrollment of all 103 eligible BPS schools in the Massachusetts Safe Routes to School Program by submitting the district partner registration form at the MassDOT SRTS partner portal.

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