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October 20, 2026

ORDERED:

Referred to the Superintendent to report back to the Committee within two Regular Meetings (December 1, 2026).

WHEREAS: Instagram and other social media platforms present concerns related to student privacy, online safety, social comparison, and adolescent mental health; and

WHEREAS: School-sponsored clubs, athletic teams, and extracurricular activities should communicate with students and families through district-approved platforms that do not require students to maintain social media accounts to access information or participate fully; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee request that the Superintendent establish and implement a policy prohibiting all Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS) athletic teams, clubs, and school-sponsored extracurricular organizations from maintaining or operating official Instagram or other social media accounts; effective no later than July 1, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent ensure that all affected organizations have access to district-approved communication platforms for sharing announcements, schedules, events, and other information with students, families, and the school community; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent investigate the feasibility of developing or adopting an in-house, district-managed social media platform that would allow CRLS students, clubs, athletic teams, and extracurricular organizations to share information, celebrate achievements, and build community in a safe, accessible, and age-appropriate digital environment, with consideration of student privacy, moderation, accessibility, implementation costs, and ongoing maintenance; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent report back to the School Committee within 90 days with findings, recommendations, and a proposed implementation timeline, including opportunities for student participation in the design and evaluation of alternative platforms.

Motion #26-230

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