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Since the December 2024 vote to close the Kennedy-Longfellow School, the Superintendent has taken the future of 158 Spring Street to the public repeatedly and on the record: At least four appearances before this Committee and its Buildings and Grounds Subcommittee (November 2025, March 18, 2026, April 7, 2026, and May 19, 2026), two community sessions open to all families (June 23, 2025, and the May 14, 2026), three publicly posted presentations, multiple CPS Connect notices, a direct email to Amigos families in June, and a standing project webpage.

What remains outstanding is a date by which a decision will be made. The school choice lottery for the 2027-2028 school year is expected to open in October 2026. Families entering that lottery will be ranking schools that could move, merge, or change, and families already enrolled at those schools face the same uncertainty.

To that end, the School Committee requests that the Superintendent communicate in writing to all Cambridge Public Schools parents, and to prospective families registering for the 2027-2028 school year, no later than the end of the first week of the 2026-2027 school year (September 4, 2026), a specific timeline for resolving the future programming of the 158 Spring Street facility. That timeline should include: (1) the date by which he will publish the recommended option or options for the facility; (2) the date by which he expects to bring a formal recommendation to the School Committee for a vote; and (3) the earliest school year in which any resulting change could take effect, with a plain-language statement of what the pending decision does and does not mean for families in the 2027-2028 lottery and for families currently enrolled at any school under consideration. If any date in the timeline later changes, the Superintendent should notify families of the new date and the reason as soon as practically possible.