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On August 4, 2026, the School Committee adopted Motion #26-177, requesting that families receive by September 4 a specific timeline for resolving future programming at 158 Spring Street, including the date on which a formal recommendation would be brought to the School Committee for a vote.

The Superintendent and staff have undertaken substantial analysis and public engagement regarding the programming options for the building. However, the Committee has not placed discussion of or deliberation on those options, nor a vote to confirm final programming, on a School Committee agenda - and no expected date for those Committee actions has been communicated to the full Committee or to the public.

The Cambridge Preschool Program lottery opens October 1. Families should not be required to enter the lottery without knowing the full set of options that may be available to them. Questions concerning construction, occupancy, and implementation remain, but those questions should be addressed as part of the Committee's decision and should not continue to delay it.

The School Committee therefore orders that:

1. The School Committee shall deliberate and schedule a vote on a final programming decision for 158 Spring Street no later than October 15, 2026.
2. The Superintendent shall address any construction, occupancy, or implementation contingencies no later than October 15, 2026.
3. Once the vote date has been established, the Superintendent shall communicate that date within five business days to all CPS families and prospective families for the 2027–2028 school year.