



Late Order

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WHEREAS: Larry Aaronson, a beloved Cambridge educator and life-long champion of public education, passed away on August 1, 2026, at the age of 86, leaving behind a remarkable legacy of teaching, advocacy, and service to generations of Cambridge public school students; and

WHEREAS: Born in Washington, D.C., Larry Aaronson began his career as a teacher during the height of the Vietnam War, a period that profoundly influenced his belief that public education was the most powerful response to the ethical and moral challenges of the time and an essential foundation for a more just and democratic society; and

WHEREAS: Larry moved to Cambridge to pursue doctoral studies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, where he deepened his commitment to the transformative power of public education and embraced the principles of public education as a means of social liberation; and

WHEREAS: In 1977, Larry joined Cambridge Public Schools as a history and social studies teacher at Cambridge Rindge and Latin School (CRLS), where he specialized in alternative progressive education and social justice, inspiring generations of students until his retirement in 2007 to engage thoughtfully with history and current events and to recognize their own capacity to create positive change; and

WHEREAS: So profound was Larry Aaronson's impact that, upon his retirement, colleagues, family members, former students, and their parents established the Aaronson Fund to continue supporting the values and educational opportunities he championed; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge School Committee extend their deepest sympathies to the family and friends of Larry Aaronson and honor his extraordinary legacy as an educator, mentor, and advocate for public education; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Executive Secretary be and hereby is requested to prepare suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the family of Larry Aaronson on behalf of the Cambridge School Committee.