

From the Office of the Executive Secretary to the School Committee

School Committee - Regular Meeting

September 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge for the purpose of discussing the agenda items listed below.

Individuals may sign up in advance to provide public comment for the June 16 Regular Meeting: The sign-up window is Friday, August 28 through Tuesday, September 2 at 12:00 PM (by phone) and 5:30 PM (online).

To register for public comment during the sign-up times:

- Visit the School Committee online portal: https://secure1.cpsd.us/school_committee.
- Or contact the School Committee office at 617.349.6620.

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A G E N D A

1. Public Comment

2. Student School Committee Report:

3. Presentation of Records for Approval:

- August 4, 2026 Regular Meeting (Summer)

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:

#26-125 Welcoming Community Ordinance – Member Jaikumar

WHEREAS: In accordance with the City of Cambridge's Welcoming Communities Ordinance, it is not within the purview nor mandate of the City of Cambridge nor of Cambridge Public Schools to enforce federal immigration law or seek the detention, transfer or deportation of Cambridge residents for civil immigration purposes, nor should CPS resources be expended toward that end; and

WHEREAS: While the City of Cambridge's Welcoming Communities Ordinance sets this policy, this is an issue about which there is considerable anxiety among Cambridge Public Schools stakeholders; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That CPS will equally enforce the law and serve the public without consideration of immigration status, citizenship, national origin, race, or ethnicity; and

RESOLVED: That in accordance with city policy, CPS employees and officials may not inquire about the immigration status of any student, family member, community member, or any member of the public with whom they interact, except as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1373 or for the limited purpose of demonstrating the eligibility of a job applicant to work in the United States. No employee of the Cambridge Public Schools shall require a student or parent to provide information regarding their immigration or citizenship status to establish the student's residency in the district for enrollment purposes. If such information becomes known to an employee of the Cambridge Public Schools, such information shall not be kept or distributed, except as required by federal or state law or regulations, and shall have no bearing on the student's ability to register for school or the school's treatment of that student. Information collected regarding place of birth for the purpose of providing appropriate services to any student shall be used only for that purpose and not distributed further, except as required by federal or state law or regulation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, and ethnicity shall have no bearing on an individual's treatment by CPS employees or officials; and be it further

RESOLVED: That except in response to a judicial warrant or other court order, ICE agents shall not be allowed access to individuals in CPS facilities including district-provided transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That no officer or employee of the Cambridge Public Schools shall perform the functions of an

immigration officer, whether pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) or any other law, regulation, or policy, whether formal or informal, except as required by federal or state law or regulations.

6. Awaiting Reports: None

7a. Superintendent's Update:

The Superintendent will present to the school committee on various matters pertaining to the opening of the 2026 - 2027 school year, including a report on the district's annual Colloquium, the first day of school for grades 1st - 12th and the preparations for the arrival of preschool and Kindergarten students on Thursday September 3rd. The Superintendent will also advise the committee on the ongoing process of determining the future of the school building located at 158 Spring Street, formerly the home of the Kennedy Longfellow School.

7b. Presentation:

The Superintendent and Chief Academic Officer will provide an update to the Cambridge School Committee on policy and practice changes pursuant to recently released district-wide guidance on the use of technology in CPS schools.

7c. District Plan None

7d. Consent Agenda

- #26-180** Recommendation: Approval of Revised Policy JKAA: Time-Out, Seclusion & Physical Restraint of Students (Second Reading)
- #26-181** Recommendation: Approval of a Request from the School Committee to the Election Commission for Mailing Addresses
- #26-182** Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department
- #26-183** Recommendation: Contract Award: New England Medical Billing: Medical Reimbursement Claiming Services
- #26-184** Recommendation: Contract Award: AllOne Health Well, LLC: Employee Assistance Program Services
- #26-185** Recommendation: Contract Award: Education Logistics: Transportation Management System
- #26-186** Recommendation: Contract Award: Converge One: Computer Hardware
- #26-187** Recommendation: Contract Award: Gargiulo Produce: Groceries
- #26-188** Recommendation: Contract Award: JW Lopes: Produce Supply & Delivery
- #26-189** Recommendation: Contract Award: Thurston Foods, Inc.: Produce Supply & Delivery
- #26-190** Recommendation: Contract Award: Mansfield Paper Company: Food Service Paper Products
- #26-191** Recommendation: Contract Award: Sanitary Chemical Service, Inc.: Pest Management Services
- #26-192** Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts
- #26-193** Recommendation: Grant Award: FY27 Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (SC27605)
- #26-194** Recommendation: Grant Award: FY27 Individuals with Disabilities Educational Act Early Childhood (SC277607)

- #26-195** Recommendation: Grant Award: FY2027 McKinney-Vento Homeless Education Grant (SC27707)
- #26-196** Recommendation: Approval of Memorandum Of Agreement Between the Cambridge School Food Service Employee Association, SEIU Local 888 and Cambridge School Committee for a successor collective bargaining agreement for the period of July 1, 2026 through and including June 30, 2029 Requires acceptance and approval from the School Committee

8. Non-Consent Agenda

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#26-197 Smart Glasses - Member Jaikumar, Member de Paula Santos and Vice Chair Dube

WHEREAS: The Cambridge Public Schools have a strong interest in maintaining academic honesty, integrity, student privacy, and a safe learning environment; and

WHEREAS: Massachusetts law prohibits the secret recording of conversations without the knowledge of all parties, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 272, Section 99; and

WHEREAS: Advances in technology have resulted in the increased availability of consumer devices, including “smart glasses,” that may be capable of recording audio, video, or images in a discreet manner, including in areas where students and staff have a reasonable expectation of privacy; and

WHEREAS: Such devices may also provide access to technology or information that could be used to compromise the integrity of in-class examinations, quizzes, assignments, or other academic activities; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That students are prohibited from using smart glasses in all Cambridge Public Schools facilities, and that no person may use smart glasses or similar wearable technology for the purpose of secret or unauthorized recording within Cambridge Public Schools facilities; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this prohibition shall remain in effect unless and until the Superintendent, at the Superintendent’s discretion, presents a proposed policy regarding the use of such devices to the School Committee and the School Committee votes to adopt such policy; and be it further

RESOLVED: That exceptions may be permitted when the use of such a device is required due to a documented medical need or disability, or when expressly authorized in writing by the Superintendent or the Superintendent’s designee.

#26-198 Welcoming Communities Ordinance & PROTECT Act – Member Jaikumar, Member de Paula Santos and Vice Chair Dube

WHEREAS: In accordance with the City of Cambridge’s Welcoming Communities Ordinance, it is neither within the purview nor the mandate of the City of Cambridge or Cambridge Public Schools (“CPS”) to enforce federal immigration law or to seek the detention, transfer, or deportation of Cambridge residents for civil immigration purposes, nor should CPS resources be expended for such purposes; and

WHEREAS: On August 5, 2026, Governor Healey signed into law *An Act Promoting Rule of Law, Oversight, Trust and Equal Constitutional Treatment* (the “PROTECT Act”), St. 2026, c. 163, §§ 1–24, requiring school committees to ensure that every school under their jurisdiction has a written policy, described in the Act as an “emergency response plan,” addressing student and staff safety in connection with interactions with law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement; and

WHEREAS: On August 21, 2026, the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (“DESE”), the Office of the Governor, and the Executive Office of Education issued guidance to school committees throughout the Commonwealth regarding implementation of the PROTECT Act, including a Model Policy promulgated by DESE; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That all students have the right to a free public education irrespective of race, color, sex, gender identity, religion, national origin, immigration or citizenship status, disability, or sexual orientation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That Cambridge Public Schools shall enforce the law and serve the public equally, without consideration of immigration status, citizenship, national origin, race, or ethnicity; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, in accordance with City policy, CPS employees and officials shall not inquire about the immigration status of any student, family member, community member, or other member of the public with whom they interact, except as required by 8 U.S.C. § 1373 or for the limited purpose of determining the eligibility of a job applicant to work in the United States. No CPS employee shall require a student, parent, or guardian to provide information regarding immigration or citizenship status for the purpose of establishing the student’s residency in the district or eligibility for

enrollment. If such information becomes known to a CPS employee, it shall not be maintained or disclosed, except as required by federal or state law or regulation, and shall have no bearing on the student's ability to enroll in school or on the treatment of that student by CPS. Information regarding a student's place of birth that is collected for the purpose of providing appropriate services shall be used solely for that purpose and shall not be further disclosed except as required by federal or state law or regulation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That citizenship, immigration status, national origin, race, and ethnicity shall have no bearing on an individual's treatment by CPS employees or officials; and be it further

RESOLVED: That, except pursuant to a judicial warrant or other judicial order, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement ("ICE") agents shall not be permitted access to individuals within CPS facilities, including district-provided transportation, and civil arrests for purposes of civil law enforcement, including federal immigration enforcement, shall not be permitted on school grounds during school hours, student drop-off and pick-up periods, before- and after-school programming, or school-sponsored events; and be it further

RESOLVED: That no officer or employee of Cambridge Public Schools shall perform the functions of an immigration officer, whether pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 1357(g) or any other law, regulation, policy, or formal or informal arrangement, except as required by federal or state law or regulation; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent shall immediately implement procedures consistent with the PROTECT Act, the Model Procedures accompanying DESE's Model Policy, and the *Guidance for K-12 Schools Related to Interacting with Civil Law Enforcement* issued by the Governor's Office, the Executive Office of Education, and DESE on August 21, 2026. Such procedures shall promote schools that are safe and accessible for students, staff, families, and residents; and be it further

RESOLVED: That such procedures shall be implemented, wherever applicable, in alignment with the District's Emergency Operations Plans, Medical and Behavioral Health Emergency Response Plans, and any applicable School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the procedures shall include:

1. Procedures for identifying and designating a senior administrator at the CPS Central Office, under the supervision of the Superintendent, to serve as the primary point of contact for law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement for the school district and as the central point of contact for CPS schools regarding interactions with such agents;
2. Procedures for identifying and designating a senior administrator at each CPS school to serve as the primary point of contact for law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement who arrive on school grounds or request information regarding students, employees, or other persons affiliated with the school;
3. Procedures for contacting the school district's legal counsel;
4. Procedures for notifying the designated senior administrator at the school and the Superintendent's Office when law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement arrive on school grounds or request information regarding students, employees, or other persons affiliated with the school;
5. Procedures for documenting all interactions with law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement while on school grounds;
6. Procedures for notifying a student's parent or guardian, or the student directly if the student is eighteen years of age or older or emancipated, when a law enforcement agent engaged in civil law enforcement requests access to the student or the student's information for a civil law enforcement purpose;
7. Procedures to be followed upon confirmation that law enforcement agents engaged in civil law enforcement are present on school grounds, including appropriate notification of caregivers and guardians, teachers, administrators, and school personnel;
8. Procedures for confirming and updating students' emergency contacts, including allowing more than one emergency contact to be listed and providing for alternative caregiver plans; and
9. A plan for sharing these procedures with students and families through the school district's public website, with translation services made available; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent shall report to the School Committee regarding the development and implementation of such procedures no later than November 1, 2027; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee shall develop and implement training for professional staff regarding these procedures, including how employees, staff, and administrators should respond when law enforcement agents arrive on site, whom they should notify, and how such notifications should be made. Such training shall be consistent with any model training subsequently promulgated by DESE.

10. Resolutions:

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders:

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: