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C19-207

--In School Committee--
06/18/2019

Ordered:

That
Whereas the City of Cambridge adopted Policy Order POR 2019 #126 on April 8, 2019 that directed the City Manager to request City personnel to compile a full accounting of streets, schools, and public buildings that may be named in honor of those who have ties to the American slave trade, and to work towards renaming all of these streets, schools, and buildings as soon as possible; and

Whereas the research and renaming of school buildings will provide CPSD the opportunity to better understand how the legacy of the American slave trade is connected to our city's history; and

Whereas there is a possibility that multiple CPSD schools may be impacted by the policy order that would require district and city staff to rename school buildings; and

Whereas CPSD students and families should play an active role in determining the names of their schools; Therefore, be it resolved that the School Committee and Superintendent form committees with CPSD schools impacted by the research that emerges from the City Council policy order; Be it further resolved that each CPSD school impacted by the policy order must have diverse representation on their committee with a requirement to include families who are the descendants of or those who benefited from the institution of slavery.

A true copy:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dosha E. Beard".

Dosha E. Beard
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

c:
Member Bowman
Mayor McGovern

Motion # 19-180