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C20-305

--In School Committee--
10/20/2020

Ordered:

That the following be referred to the Superintendent:

Whereas health and safety, racial equity, and family partnerships are among the guiding principles of the Cambridge Public Schools Department in their back-to-school planning; and

Whereas chronic absenteeism is one of the District Outcomes that CPSD has been striving to improve; and

Whereas prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, students from disadvantaged populations were more likely to be chronically absent, need intervention, and produce lower baseline performance scores; and

Whereas pre-existing inequities are exacerbated by COVID-19 school closures; and

Whereas particularly hard-hit students will continue to be disproportionately vulnerable with regard to their physical, emotional, and educational wellbeing; and

Whereas there must be adequate data collected and shared to identify and support our most vulnerable youth; and now therefore be it

Resolved that the Superintendent share the number and percentage of students at each school who are chronically absent, at risk of dropping out, and in need of intervention with the School Committee monthly in his Weekly Update, beginning on November 6, 2020; and be it further

Resolved that CPSD will ensure any technology and database supports are put in place to support the collection, analysis and reporting of this data.

A true copy:

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

Dosha E. Beard
Executive Secretary to the School Committee

c:

Mayor Siddiqui
Member Wilson, Member Weinstein

Motion # 20-266