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C20-088

--In School Committee--
05/05/2020

Ordered:

That the following was adopted as amended:

That the following be referred to the Superintendent for revision for the May 19, 2020 Meeting

Whereas the COVID-19 pandemic has upended school, work, and family routines for everyone, and;

Whereas the Cambridge Public Schools have done an impressive job distributing food and technology to address opportunity gaps, and;

Whereas physical safety and mental health are both human rights as well as prerequisites for academic learning, and;

Whereas establishing stronger relationships between educators and students and their families now will (1) help CPSD better understand how to support students and families during COVID-19, (2) address one of the identified barriers to racial equity in our schools, and (3) contribute to long-lasting school-home collaboration and higher academic achievement when our schools settle into new routines, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Cambridge Public Schools will ensure that every student has an individual, non-academic check-in with a school staff member in real time at least once per week, that staff will inquire about basic and social emotional supports needed as well as how students are feeling about their learning, that schools will report weekly to the Superintendent on the number of students they have not been able to reach, and that the Superintendent will share this data with the School Committee weekly.

A true copy:

Jennifer Dever Wood
Temporary Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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Member Rachel

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Motion # 20-71