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## CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

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### ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ASSESS HOW TO BEST IMPLEMENT AN ELECTED BOSTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE TO IMPROVE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' SERVICE PROVISION, PROGRAMMING, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT PROCESSES, AND OTHER DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- WHEREAS,** The Boston City Council is considering reorganizing the Boston School Committee by changing it to an elected body; *and*
- WHEREAS,** As the governing body of the Boston Public Schools (BPS), the Boston School Committee plays a critical role in defining the vision, mission, and goals of BPS, setting and reviewing district policies and practices, and guiding the future of BPS, therefore directly impacting students, families, and educators across the city, as well as the quality of equitable educational services itself in our city; *and*
- WHEREAS,** In reviewing a reorganization proposal, the City Council should ensure that it does not only promote democracy, but also benefits the educational and administrative work of BPS; *and*
- WHEREAS,** A reorganization proposal presents an opportunity to make systemic changes that improve BPS' service provision, programming, community engagement processes, and other duties and responsibilities if implemented correctly; *and*
- WHEREAS,** The City Council should work alongside community, advocates, families, students, educators, and BPS to identify how to best implement a reorganization proposal; ***NOW THEREFORE BE IT***

**ORDERED:** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine how to benefit the educational and administrative work of Boston Public Schools with the implementation of an elected Boston School Committee, including but not limited to service provision, programming, community engagement processes, and other duties and responsibilities. Representatives from Boston Public Schools, the Boston School Committee, educators, advocates, families, students, individuals with lived experience, and members of the public are encouraged to attend and testify.

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