



Offered by City Councilor Annissa Essaibi-George

**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF POLICY REQUIRING ALL BOSTON
PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO HAVE A FULL-TIME NURSE AND
SOCIAL EMOTIONAL SUPPORT SPECIALISTS**

WHEREAS: The Boston Public School district has 125 schools with approximately 56,000 students enrolled, and only 74 schools have full time nurses, and systemwide there are 59 social workers, and 71 school psychologist; and

WHEREAS: Although, Boston Public Schools FY19 budget invested \$2.3 million into 8 additional full time nurses, 12 additional psychologists and social workers. There is still an inadequate number of social emotional support specialists; and

WHEREAS: It is our obligation to support the social, emotional, behavioral, mental, and physical well-being of all of our students by providing resources and support to address issues and concerns such as, but not limited to, depression, trauma, anxiety, and bullying; and

WHEREAS: Every school should have a full-time nurse, a full-time school psychologist, and a full-time social worker; **THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the implementation of new policy requiring Boston Public Schools thave a full-time nurse, a full-time psychologist, and a full-time social worker in every schools.

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