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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO ADDRESS THE LACK OF ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

WHEREAS, Massachusetts spends on average \$17,058 per pupil. Boston spends \$24,020.50 per pupil, considerably more than most other cities and towns in the state.; *and*

WHEREAS, Massachusetts spends on average \$161 per pupil on athletic programs, while Boston spends only \$76 per pupil on athletic programs, less than half the state average; *and*

WHEREAS, Wealthy districts such as Concord-Carlisle, whose per pupil expenditure is thousands of dollars less than Boston, spends \$821 per student on athletic programs; *and*

WHEREAS Boston spent \$3.9 million on athletics in 2020, less than a third of 1% (.03%) of its \$1.3 billion budget, compared to most other districts in the state that spent an average of 1% of their budgets on athletics.; *and*

WHEREAS, Bob Hohler, from the Boston Globe, reported that BPS investment in student athletics remains nearly unchanged from 2009, despite the total school budget increasing more than 35 percent over that period; *and*

WHEREAS, We know that our students benefit in so many ways when they participate in sports teams and educating the whole child has to include physical and social wellness opportunities; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the need for proper funding and leadership to offer equitable athletic programming across all schools.

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