



# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

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THE CITY CLERK

March 2, 1978

Mr. William Lannon  
Superintendent of Schools  
1700 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02138

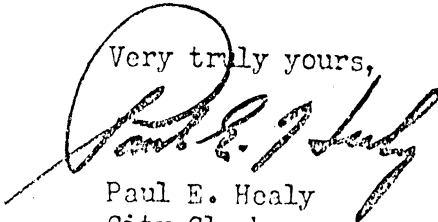
Dear Mr. Lannon:

Pursuant to the request of the City Council, I am forwarding to you the attached copy of a resolution adopted by that body on February 27, 1978. As you will note, the Council is requesting you to reverse your recommendation to the School Committee on opening school on St. Patrick's Day.

Furthermore, Councillor Graham has requested that you and the School Committee make appropriate arrangements to announce through the local news media exactly what your plans are for making up the lost school time in order to avoid any further confusion. She has also asked that this policy be implemented any time school schedules are changed so that parents will be aware of those time frames.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

  
Paul E. Healy  
City Clerk

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cc: Members of the School Committee  
John McCarthy, Secretary



# City of Cambridge

17.  
IN CITY COUNCIL  
February 27, 1978

COUNCILLOR VELLUCCI

**WHEREAS:** It has been reported in the local newspapers that Superintendent William C. Lannon of the Cambridge School Department is contemplating the opening of public schools on March 17 — Saint Patrick's Day and/or Evacuation Day and

**WHEREAS:** Saint Patrick's Day is a revered and respected day not only by Irish and Irish Americans but by people of every race and denomination, regardless of religious creed; and

**WHEREAS:** Saint Patrick's Day is more and more becoming a day of love and understanding — a day of joyful festivities and a day when all people in America feel that Americans are one people; and

**WHEREAS:** The recent storm sent us by the hand of God was a blessing inasmuch as it united the people of America not in evidence since the second great War of the World, and proved that the American people are one in all and all in one; and

**WHEREAS:** Superintendent Lannon is making an earnest and sincere effort to "make up" days lost in the public schools because of the recent snowstorm emergency by holding school sessions on Saint Patrick's Day; and

**WHEREAS:** The actions of Superintendent Lannon will deny the Irish the right to celebrate their only holiday in the calendar year by making up school loss time on March 17th; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That this City Council go on record as being opposed to the action of Mr. Lannon in cancelling out the respected Saint Patrick's Day in Cambridge Public Schools and urges him to reconsider his newspaper reported actions; and be it further

**RESOLVED:** That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward copies of this resolution to all members of the School Committee including the Superintendent of Public Schools in Cambridge.

In City Council February 27, 1978  
Adopted by the affirmative vote of 9 members.  
Attest: Paul E. Healy, City Clerk

A true copy,

ATTEST:

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C. Vellucci resolutions opposing the opening  
of schools on Saint Patrick's Day.

Copy sent to School  
Committee 3-2-78  
letter enclosed

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Copy to School  
Committee 6  
L. Hansen stated  
that the L.C.

In City Council,

February 27, 1978

Should take the  
Necessary action to  
inform parents as to  
what they are  
doing when making  
decisions on the  
School schedule  
per better understanding  
of their intentions