



CAMBRIDGE SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

159 THORNDIKE STREET
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02141

February 6, 1990

To The Honorable Members of the School Committee:

Vending Trucks in the Vicinity of CRLS

Recommendation: That the School Committee receive the attached information regarding vending trucks in the vicinity of Cambridge Rindge & Latin School and further that the Committee request the City Manager to take the necessary steps to prohibit all vending trucks from operating in the vicinity of schools from one-half hour before the starting time of schools to one-half hour after schools are closed.

Description: As indicated by the attached letters and memos, there is a problem of vending trucks around the schools. There is one truck (with a license) parked in the fire lane between approximately 11:00 - 1:00 on the library grounds near the CRLS building. Another vehicle is on Cambridge Street near the War Memorial between 11:00 - 1:00 and parks in a restricted area.

Both of these situations present safety issues (fire lane and traffic), litter problems, lack of student supervision, and related issues.

Supporting Data:

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Lou McGrath,
Superintendent of Schools

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE
INTEROFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

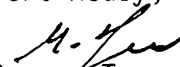
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OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

To Robert Healy, City Manager

Date July 23, 1990

From  George Teso, Traffic Director

Reference

Subject City Council Order #1 of 1/22/90 "Vending Trucks in the Vicinity of CRLS

I have reviewed the School Committee's request concerning vending trucks parking around the Cambridge High School and we do tag vehicles when they are illegally parked.

It is our policy to tag any vendor who is illegally parked and that when they are parked legally at a meter we will tag them for "Overtime Parking" when they have been parked longer than the sign states. We will continue in this effort in the vicinity of the school and I have instructed all my Parking Control Officers of this fact.

My observations in this area are that not all the litter is due to the vending trucks as I have seen students crossing the street with sandwiches or pizza and throw their cups in the street.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Jim Conry, Exec. Director of Financial Mgt. DATE: February 2, 1990
FROM: Marilyn G. Tompkins
Director of Food Services and
Assistant Manager of Transportation
SUBJECT: Vending Trucks

Jim:

I sat on Cambridge Street, across from the War Memorial at the High School from 10:30 a.m. to 10:50 when a vending truck pulled up in front of the War Memorial right next to the handicapped parking sign. I waited and observed students who came up to the truck purchasing food and soda. These same students then went in different directions, dropping their paper and cans anywhere they saw fit.

The Vending truck was not at a parking meter therefore was not legally parked. After speaking with some of the store owners, across from War Memorial who are very upset with presence of vending truck, one said truck very seldom legally parks. These store owners have sent letters to City Council about this. They say truck very seldom legally parks, either is in handicapped zone or no parking or double parked, and, if on occasion does park at meter never puts money in meter.

In regard to the vending truck parked in fire lane at Library, his truck is parked there every school day in a clearly marked fire lane. Altho' vendor puts out receptacles for litter, students walk all around Campus, disposing of cans, napkins and paper plates wherever they walk.

Occasionally vending truck has been observed in the vicinity of the Fitzgerald School on Rindge Avenue. When students are released they run to vending truck for ice cream, which could be very dangerous because of high volume of traffic on Rindge Avenue.

Last year a similar problem with vending truck in vicinity of Agassiz School, Oxford Street. Children were running across street to get to truck causing a dangerous situation because of traffic on Oxford Street.

In my opinion these vendors should be prohibited from vending, on or around school campus' before, during and for a half hour after regular school closing.

note: See attached backup, _____



DEPARTMENT OF SAFETY AND SECURITY

459 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
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JOHN G. SILVA
Director

November 9, 1989

Mr. James MacDavitt
City of Cambridge
License Commission
831 Massachusetts Avenue
Cambridge, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. MacDavitt:

We, the members of Cambridge Rindge and Latin School, have great concern about the vending trucks which have given no proof of registration with the Cambridge License Commission.

The vehicles have been asked to leave on more than one occasion by members of the CRLS Safety Department; however, the vehicles continue to reappear.

The vehicles have been uncooperative with members of the CRLS faculty, have been double parked on many occasions, have not provided any means of waste disposal and have drawn students into non-supervised areas.

The Cambridge Police Department has been informed. Please advise.

Very truly yours,

John G. Silva

James A. C. Food Service Manager
Karen H. P. Exec. Dir. Occ. Ed.
Euse L. W. Acting Principal
Marilyn T. Tompkins - Mgr. of Food Services

cc: Patrick Murphy, Assistant Superintendent of Schools
Marilyn Tompkins, Manager of Food Services



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

City Manager

RICHARD C. ROSSI

Deputy City Manager

June 21, 1988

TO: Anthony Paolillo, Chief of Police

FROM: Richard Rossi, Deputy City Manager

SUBJECT: Illegal parking on Broadway

The School Department continually complains about vending trucks that are parked illegally, in "No Parking Zones" along Broadway, adjacent to the High School. Please take the necessary steps to check licenses and to prevent illegal parking. This effort should be maintained for the last week of school and should be intensified when school begins again in September.

cc: M. Tompkins
J. McDavitt
E. Sarasin

BRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



CAMBRIDGE RINDGE AND LATIN SCHOOL

459 BROADWAY, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS 02138
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EDWARD R. SARASIN
Principal

March 11, 1988

Mr. James T. McDavitt
License Commissioner
City Hall
Room 205
Cambridge, MA 02139

Dear Mr. McDavitt:

It has been brought to my attention, much to my dismay, that a vending truck has been given permission to sell food in front of the High School.

It is my understanding that Mr. Sidney Yeldell, without authorization from my office, sent you a letter supporting the vendor's request for such a permit.

Last year a lengthy discussion was held at City Hall, with all the parties involved, and it was decided that the vending truck would not be allowed in the immediate area of the High School. The reasons given were:

1. The truck created a safety hazard by parking in an area used for discharging and picking up students.
2. Created a serious litter problem.
3. Contributed to students being late to class by serving students past the lunch period.
4. Had an adverse impact on our lunch program.

I wish to reaffirm my previous request and ask that a vending permit not be issued for the area around the High School.

I apologize for the confusion Mr. Yeldell's unauthorized action caused and I would appreciate your reconsideration of this matter.

Very truly yours,

Edward R. Sarasin
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Principal

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C: Warren G. Ferzoco
Marilyn Thompson
Marie Cyr



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

ROBERT W. HEALY

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Deputy City Manager

July 30, 1990

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report #6 of January 22, 1990 regarding the food selling vendors who park in the vicinity of 1613 Cambridge Street, attached are reports from Traffic Director George Teso and the Cambridge School Department.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy", is written over a horizontal line.

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Awaiting Report Item # 6, regarding
the food selling vendors in the vicinity
of 1613 Cambridge Street.

In City Council,

July 30, 1990

Response referred
back to City Manager
for better response
on motion of Councillor Cyr.
Charter Right Iphigene
by Councillor Russell
9/10/90 Referred back to
the City Manager for
further report.