



City of Cambridge

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IN CITY COUNCIL

January 6, 1997

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
VICE MAYOR BORN
COUNCILLOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
MAYOR RUSSELL
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TOOMEY
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

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WHEREAS: This partnership is built on the recognition that no single city institution can meet the educational and child care needs of families by working on its own, and seeks to break down the barriers between education and child care and to expand the boundaries of both; and

WHEREAS: The project requires that school and after-school staff collaborate in designing programs and classes which complement one another; it will also include substantial recreation and physical activities and will develop new recreational activities focusing on social recreation targeted to middle school students; and

WHEREAS: Along with coordination of services, involvement of parents will be a key element of this innovative and exciting program; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Cambridge School Department, especially Fletcher School Principal, Lenora Jennings, the Cambridge Department of Human Services, especially Pat Bradshaw, Community Schools Director, Cambridge Community Services, and the entire Fletcher School Community for this exciting new program.

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "D. Margaret Drury".

ATTEST:-

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City Clerk

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Community Services
Director

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Fletcher School Principal
(Lenna Jennings)

From: 7410-3488- To: Ellen Semihoff

FLETCHER PARTNERSHIP FOR EXTENDING LEARNING & CARE

To develop the knowledge and gain the skills they need to succeed in the 21st Century, our children will need more than just the six hours of schooling available during the traditional school day. At the same time, most parents are compelled by their jobs and other family obligations to find safe, dependable places to send their school-aged children all day, every day, throughout the entire year. These needs are also not met by the six-hour school day and the ten-month school year.

What is needed is a new approach to education and child care: one which breaks down the barriers between the two and expands the boundaries of both. This approach must not be driven by the structures and assumptions of long-standing educational and child care agencies, but rather the modern needs of families and children. With the generous support of the Danforth Foundation (a major national foundation committed to improving the educational experiences of American children), the Fletcher Partnership for Extending Learning & Care will spend the next five years developing and implementing such a new approach.

The Fletcher Partnership for Extending Learning & Care is built on the recognition that no single city institution can meet the educational and child care needs of our families by working on its own. Only a collaborative effort can hope to succeed. In the beginning, this Partnership brings together several key neighborhood institutions: the Fletcher School, the Community School Program and the Afterschool Child Care Programs operated at the Fletcher School by the Human Services Department, Cambridge Community Services, and the Community Learning Center. Over the next five years, the Partnership will be expanded to involve other local youth service agencies, as well as businesses and other local organizations.

At the heart of this Partnership, however, are the children and families which are the focus of its work. Fletcher School families must play an active role in the design, operation, and assessment of this new and exciting effort if it is to be successful. They are themselves an enormous resource which must be mobilized to support and enhance the implementation of this effort. Only with their input can the Partnership hope to understand the nature of the needs they seek to address and their effectiveness in addressing it.

The Partnership has an ambitious agenda which will not be accomplished overnight. Initial steps will begin this coming Spring and Summer with the development and implementation of high-quality, engaging activities which can be conducted after the regular school day ends. In subsequent years, these modules will be expanded, refined, and integrated into a continuous, full-day, full-year "System of Learning" which offers all Fletcher School students access to high-quality academic learning experiences, sports and recreation activities, art-related experiences, and social development opportunities. Ultimately, this agenda will only be accomplished through the significant contributions of time and energy from all members of the Fletcher Partnership for Extending Learning & Care.



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Consent Order #76

Entire
Membership

Councillor Davis re:
Congratulations to the School Department
the Fletcher School, the Department
of Human Services After School and
Community Schools Program at the Fletcher,
Cambridge Community Services, and the
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award by the Danforth Foundation.

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ORDER ADOPTED