



City of Cambridge

Calendar Item #1
Amended Order
IN CITY COUNCIL

~~June 19, 2000~~
July 31, 2000

COUNCILLOR DAVIS
COUNCILLOR BRAUDE
COUNCILLOR DECKER
COUNCILLOR BORN
MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES

WHEREAS: A petition is being circulated by Cambridge Parents for Education, not MCAS; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That this matter as outlined on the attachment be referred to a joint meeting of the City Council and School Committee at which time matters of mutual interest will be discussed; and that the Mayor facilitate the arrangements for this meeting, including the gathering of relevant information desired by the members of both bodies.

In City Council July 31, 2000.
Adopted as amended by the affirmative vote of nine members.
Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

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

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk



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We look forward to meeting with you on next Monday evening.

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Jonathan King, Essex St.
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Subj: MCAS and Monday Council Meeting
Date: Wednesday, June 14, 2000 15:10:06
From: jaking@MIT.EDU
To: jimbraude@mediaone.net, marjorie@teamdecker.org,
henridavis@aol.com

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Jim, Marjorie and Henrietta:

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(for Massparents Coordinating Committee)

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www.massparents.org

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Councillor Becker

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Attachment



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Order #9

Hold a joint meeting between the
City Council and the School
Committee regarding the negative
impact of the MCAS test.

**Councillors Davis, Braude and
Decker**

In City Council June 19, 2000

*Charter Right
exercised by
Councillor Torney*

7/31/2000

ORDER ADOPTED

*As Amended by
voice vote of nine
members*