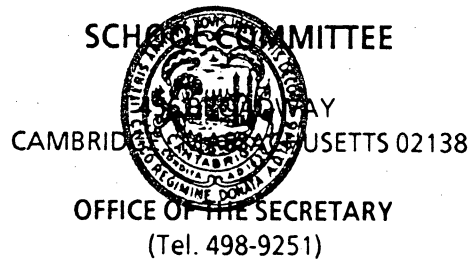


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---IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE---

December 5, 1989

ORDERED:

That the following resolution be adopted:

WHEREAS: The state is in a serious financial crisis that threatens to deny children their rights to be educated and to live in a safe and supportive community, and

WHEREAS: The State Legislature is considering further cuts, cuts that include denying probation officers for juveniles and ending special court services for children - services which we feel are essential to support troubled youngsters and encourage them to finish school, and

WHEREAS: Support services for low-income families, the homeless, teenage parents, mentally ill children and adults have been cut so that entire programs that meet and serve children are in danger of collapse; further that when children and their families do not have these services, the ability of children to succeed in school is jeopardized, and

WHEREAS: Cities such as ours depend on local aid to educate children and CANNOT TOLERATE FURTHER EROSION IN LOCAL AID, and

WHEREAS: We are a city that cares deeply about our children and as a School Committee we are committed to educating them to be the productive citizens of tomorrow; THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: That we implore the State Legislature

- . To restore human services to children to 1988-89 levels;
- . To maintain and increase local aid to reflect realistic costs for educating children;
- . To create appropriate mechanisms - equitable and fairly distributed taxes - to adequately fund the state budget; and not to balance the budget with our children's lives and futures.

A true copy:

Attest:

Claire E. Rodley
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Secretary of the School Committee

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