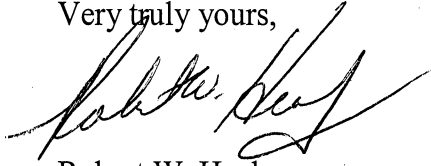


The committee will also meet in the fall to more fully review the matters in the City Council order.

Very truly yours,

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Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

July 30, 2001

To the Honorable, the City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 01-177, regarding a report on the scholarship committee's current practices, views and recommendations on the following issues involving the scholarship program, please be advised of the following:

- *The pros and cons of allowing students that are selected for the scholarship one-year to receive the scholarship for additional years.* **The Committee unanimously felt that the practice of repeat winners should be suspended at this time until they have had an opportunity to review the matter more fully.**
- *Information on how financial need is currently determined.* **Currently the applicants signature attests to a family financial situation. As a group, the committee had no clear feelings on verifying financial need. Some suggested that staff look at other scholarship programs for guidance in this matter. This request is being followed up on.**
- *Whether the children of City employees should be permitted to receive the scholarship.* **The Committee was unanimous in their feeling that children of City employee be permitted to receive scholarships.**
- *Any other relevant factors not mandated by the statutory scheme that should be considered.* **In general the committee is comfortable with the criteria as outlined in the fund's enabling legislation that states, "the committee should take into consideration each recipients financial need, character, scholastic record and involvement in community work as well as extracurricular activities." A majority of those polled felt academic achievement was the highest criteria except where family income was extremely high.**
- *Length of residence for recipients.* **The enabling legislation simply states, "the recipients be a resident of the City." The committee felt that a one-year requirement would be acceptable.**



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Consent Agenda #8

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