

CAMBRIDGE PUBLIC SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

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February 19, 1975

Mr. James L. Sullivan
City Manager
City of Cambridge
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

Oliver Brown has referred to me a letter from you dated February 5th, 1975 requesting a report as to progress being made to implement the "Text Book Act".

I believe in December Mr. Brown sent to Mr. Robert Healy, Assistant City Manager, some information concerning our current position with respect to the Text Book Act indicating that the Cambridge Public Schools will provide copies of texts to private and parochial school students if these texts are regularly used in the public school which the student would attend were he or she not attending a private or parochial school.

We have taken some steps to extend the range of availability for next year. We have surveyed all of our elementary schools and asked them to submit to us a complete listing of the text books used in grade K - 8. From this we will compile a master list of all text books in use in the Cambridge Public Schools. It will no longer be necessary to limit availability of text books to those which would be used in the school that the youngster would ordinarily attend were he not in a private or parochial school. Any youngster in Cambridge will have access to any text book in use in any public school in Cambridge.

Under the present procedures, the parent of a private or parochial school student goes to the school which the youngster would ordinarily attend to ask for text books. If the book is available it is provided. If it is not available, the Master of the school will order it for the parent. We are currently studying this procedure to determine whether it will continue to be followed or whether there will be some centralization of the ordering process. The implications for our personnel in terms of bookkeeping and procedural problems will have to be studied before we can determine whether or not we advocate a change in present procedure.

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In any event, I thought you should know that any text in use anywhere in our public schools will be available to private and parochial school students, beginning next Fall.

If you have further questions concerning this matter please do not hesitate to contact me and I will be happy to try and provide the answers.

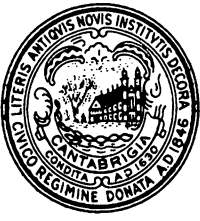
Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Richard G. Woodward". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Richard G. Woodward
Assistant Superintendent

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cc: Mr. Cheatham



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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
JAMES L. SULLIVAN
City Manager

February 24, 1975

To the Honorable, the City Council:

Enclosed please find a communication from Richard G. Woodward, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, with respect to the implementation of the Text Book Act as requested in Awaiting Report Item #15.

The previous information referred to in paragraph two of Mr. Woodward's letter was forwarded to the City Council in December.

Very truly yours,

James L. Sullivan
City Manager

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Enc.

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Awaiting Report Re: implementation of
the "Text Book Act."

In City Council,

February 24, 1975

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