



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE • EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

Robert W. Healy, City Manager

Richard C. Rossi, Deputy City Manager

December 18, 2000

To The Honorable, The City Council:

In response to Awaiting Report Item No. 50A, please be advised of the following:

I recently met with the Executive Director of Training Innovations, Inc., Jonathan Myers, together with Assistant City Manager for Human Services, Jill Herold to discuss a proposal from Mr. Myers requesting a commitment of \$150,000 from the City to support his work in the Cambridge Public Schools.

In discussing the proposal with Mr. Myers, I indicated to him that I believe the work that his organization is doing in the schools, with financial support from the Commonwealth, is of value and appears to complement the overall school-to-career goals of the School Department as they are currently formulated. I pointed out to Mr. Myers that the Superintendent, in her recent State of the Schools Address talked about the work of the newly formulated Rindge Technology and Business Career Preparation Department for all students, grades K-12. Design Groups will be established this year to work on the development of this system wide effort on school-to-career. Recognizing that Training Innovations is carrying out their work in the schools, I urged Mr. Myers to engage Training Innovations in this planning work of the School Department. By participating in this planning effort, ways could be identified that Training Innovations services might be incorporated into the overall career awareness and career opportunity programs that are being developed by the schools. The Superintendent has indicated her willingness to engage Mr. Myers as well as other non-profit youth training providers in their planning.

I indicated to Mr. Myers that once this system-wide planning work within the schools is completed, that his request could be looked at in the context of a city-wide strategy to address the career preparation needs of Cambridge school students.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Healy".

Robert W. Healy
City Manager

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Consent Agenda Item#10

Awaiting Report Item Number
00-50A, regarding a report on
a plan for financial and other
types of collaborative support
to Training Innovations, Inc.

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Referred Back to
City Manager for
further review.