



City of Cambridge

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Calendar Item #3

IN CITY COUNCIL

~~February 2, 1998~~

February 9, 1998

MAYOR DUEHAY
COUNCILLOR BORN
VICE MAYOR GALLUCCIO
COUNCILLOR REEVES
COUNCILLOR SULLIVAN
COUNCILLOR TRIANTAFILLOU

WHEREAS: The City of Cambridge values all its children; and

WHEREAS: All the children of every community deserve high quality education; and

WHEREAS: Children with learning and other disabilities require additional education resources to succeed; and

WHEREAS: The funding allocated in House Bill 5220 to amend Chapter 766 is inadequate to meet their needs; and

WHEREAS: Lowering the standard to the minimal federal standard of "Free and Appropriate Public Education" (FAPE), without a reasonable study of its effects, could significantly diminish the quality of instruction for both students with and without disabilities; and

WHEREAS: Under the standard of "Maximum Feasible Benefit" children who are mainstream will receive the support they need, enabling not only themselves, but all the children in their classrooms to succeed and progress; and

WHEREAS: Requiring families to go through a hearing procedure before a second evaluation is funded will limit access to second evaluations, particularly for families with limited economic means; and

WHEREAS: Second evaluations often add useful diagnostic information that enable schools to better serve children; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Cambridge City Council supports reforms of Chapter 766 which benefits all children, however, the Cambridge City Council opposes said amendments in House Bill 5220 to Chapter 766 and finds said amendments to be contrary to the best interests of both special education and regular education students.

In City Council February 9, 1998.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of eight members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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CHARTER RIGHT WAS EXERCISED BY COUNCILLOR BORN.

Mayor Duchay
Born

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Resolution

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Mayor Duehay and Councillor Born re: City Council goes on record in support of reform of Chapter 766 and in opposition to the amendments to House Bill 5220.

February 9, 1998
Order Adopted.

Affirmative Vote
of 8 members.
Councillor Toomey
recorded as present.

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Councillor Born
exercised a Charter
Right.