



City of Cambridge

37.

IN CITY COUNCIL

June 8, 1998

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

WHEREAS: On Tuesday, June 2, 1988, a public hearing was held before the Cambridge School Committee during which many parents and school personnel testified to serious deficiencies in the administration of special education services to the students of Cambridge; and

WHEREAS: The State Department of Education recently threatened to withhold half a million dollars in funding to the City of Cambridge due to the School Department's failure to properly administer the state law and regulations concerning the provisions of education to special needs students; and

WHEREAS: Such a withholding of funds has not happened in a single other Massachusetts community in thirteen years; and

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Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

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Consent Order #37

S-433

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ORDER ADOPTED