



CAMBRIDGE TEACHERS ASSOCIATION



159 Thorndike Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02238

January 7, 1981

Honorable Francis Duehay
Mayor
City of Cambridge
City Hall
Cambridge, Ma.

Dear Mr. Mayor,

With this letter I urge you and the other members of the Cambridge City Council to vote for the package of home rule amendments to Proposition 2½ and also for alternative methods of local tax reform.

The Cambridge Teachers Association is working with our state affiliate, the Massachusetts Teachers Association, to bring about tax reform at the state level.

It is the position of the Association that we have a two year contract in effect and that the School Committee still has a responsibility and obligation to seek budgets that will provide for adequate funding for education.

On November 4th, the citizens of Cambridge rejected Proposition 2½ by a 63% to 37% margin. By this vote the people of Cambridge voiced that they have a right to expect full, valuable, and quality education.

We as members of the Teachers Association realize that this may only be a temporary solution and the long range answer is tax reform on the state level.

I urge for your support in the passage of these measures at the next Council Meeting and look forward to working with you on the state level for their passage.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Roger F. O'Sullivan
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Second Vice President
Legislative Chairman

cc: City Council Members
James L. Sullivan
Paul Healy
John McCarthy

Comm. from Roger F.O'Sullivan, Second VP,
Legislative Chairman, Teachers Association,
requesting support from the City Council
for passage of home rule amendments to
Proposition 2½ and also for alternative
methods of local tax reform.

In City Council,

January 12, 1981

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