

School Committee - Regular Meeting

February 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Held in and broadcast from the Dr. Henrietta S. Attles Meeting Room, Cambridge Rindge, and Latin School, 459 Broadway, Cambridge for the purpose of discussing the agenda items listed below.

Individuals may sign up in advance to provide public comment for the February 3 Regular Meeting: The sign-up window is Friday, January 30 through Tuesday, February 3 at 12:00 PM (by phone) and 5:30 PM (online).

To register for public comment during the sign-up times:

- Visit the School Committee online portal: https://secure1.cpsd.us/school_committee.
- Or contact the School Committee office at 617.349.6620.

Regular Meetings will be live-streamed at www.cpsd.us and broadcast on Cambridge Educational Access TV (CEATV) Channel 26, as usual. The meeting can also be viewed on Zoom at <https://zoom.us/j/96081106637>. This meeting will be video and audio recorded which may include third party devices.

A G E N D A

1. Public Comment

2. Student School Committee Report:

3. Presentation of Records for Approval:

- January 6, 2026, Regular Meeting
- January 14, 2026, Special Meeting
- January 16, 2026, Special Meeting (Retreat)
- January 20, 2026, Regular Meeting
- January 22, 2026, Special Meeting

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar: None

6. Awaiting Reports: None

7a. Superintendent's Update:

The Superintendent will provide an update on pending matters and highlight various initiatives taking place across the Cambridge Public Schools. The superintendent will provide a brief summary of the work being done to prepare various reports requested by the school committee including an update on the analysis of screen time and technology usage by students in the Cambridge Public Schools derived from School Committee Order 25-300 approved on December 2, 2025.

7b. Presentation:

The Superintendent and Chief Financial Officer will offer an update on the development of the FY 27 Cambridge Public Schools operating budget including the efforts toward community engagement as well as the formulation of budgetary recommendations for consideration by the school committee.

7c. District Plan None

7d. Consent Agenda

#26-015 Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department

#26-016 Recommendation: Gifts & Miscellaneous Receipts

#26-017 Recommendation: Grant Award: FY26 Broad Institute Coding Clubs (SC26153)

8. Non-Consent Agenda

9. School Committee Agenda (Policy Matters/Notifications/Requests for Information):

#26-018 Educator Voice in School Committee Deliberations – Chair Weinstein, Vice Chair Dube & Member Jaikumar

WHEREAS: The School Committee values the perspectives, priorities, concerns, recommendations and feedback of various stakeholders, including current and former Cambridge Public Schools (CPS) educators, in conducting its work; and

WHEREAS: There are currently insufficient opportunities for current or former CPS educators to engage directly during School Committee meetings other than during public comment; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee undertakes to provide additional opportunities for direct educator participation in School Committee meetings beyond the limited time afforded in public comment; and be it further

RESOLVED: That this matter be referred to the Governance Subcommittee to be considered as a part of the annual review of the School Committee rules; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the Governance Subcommittee will discuss and research this matter; shall consider various alternatives, including but not limited to amending the agenda to include a designated or optional educator presentation, a non-voting membership, or any other proposal; and shall recommend to the full School Committee one or more options to better ensure frontline educator perspectives, priorities, concerns, recommendations and feedback are heard by the Committee.

#26-019 Meeting Formality Rule Amendment – Member Jaikumar and Member Hudson

WHEREAS: The School Committee represents the people of Cambridge and its proceedings should be as accessible to the public as possible, to provide stakeholders with the information they need; and

WHEREAS: It is incumbent upon the School Committee to conduct its business with as much accessibility and efficiency as possible and to provide a welcoming atmosphere to community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS: Excessive formality in School Committee meetings can serve as a barrier both to the public understanding and to efficiency in its proceedings; and

WHEREAS: The School Committee wishes to maintain decorum and civility while promoting an atmosphere of collaboration, cooperation, and accessibility; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the School Committee amend Rule 4.3 by eliminating (f), "Promote a formal atmosphere, with members referring to other members in the third person, and speaking to each other and to members of the public through the Chair."

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders:

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: