

School Committee - Regular Meeting

January 20, 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 January 20 Regular Meeting: The sign-up window is Thursday, January 15 through Tuesday, January 20 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.

AGENDA

1. Public Comment

2. Student School Committee Report:

3. Presentation of Records for Approval:

- December 16, 2025, Regular Meeting
- January 5, 2026, Special Meeting (Organizational Meeting)

4. Reconsiderations: None

5. Unfinished Business/Calendar:

- #26-001** Recommendation: Approval of Amendment of the Contract with the Law Firm of Morgan, Brown & Joy, LLP
- #26-002** Recommendation: Approval of Amendment of the Contract with the Law Firm of Norris, Murray & Peloquin, LLC

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 be joined by the district's Chief Financial Officer and representatives from the City Manager's office to discuss the macroeconomic conditions under which the FY 27 operating budget is being developed and to take questions from the School Committee with respect to the anticipated financial appropriation and broader budgetary context.

7b. Presentation:

The Superintendent and members of the administration will continue their presentations on student achievement data, focusing on the most recent data pertaining to the Science and Social Studies MCAS results. The administration will also brief and take questions from the School Committee regarding curriculum planning and development in these two content areas.

7c. District Plan None

7d. Consent Agenda

- #26-007** Recommendation: Approval of Authorization for the Superintendent to Submit an Initial Compliance Certification to enter into a Feasibility Study/Schematic Design Agreement with the Massachusetts School Building Authority for the Replacement of the Cambridgeport School Building Roof and to Appropriate Funds for this Agreement
- #26-008** Recommendation: Day & Residential Program Services not Available from the Cambridge School Department
- #26-009** Recommendation: Contract Award: Cartwheel Health Services P.C.: Mental Health Services-Amendment
- #26-010** Recommendation: Contract Award: WW Grainger: Facilities Equipment & Supplies
- #26-011** Recommendation: Contract Award: Pinnacle Rock Mechanical: On Call Equipment & Repair Service for CPS Food Services Department
- #26-012** Recommendation: Grant Award: FY26 Special Support Earmark (SC26865)
- #26-013** Recommendation: Gifts/Miscellaneous Receipts

8. Non-Consent Agenda

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

- #26-014** **Public Comment – Member de Paula Santos, Member Harding, Member Hudson**

WHEREAS: The School Committee seeks to make certain that all stakeholders feel empowered to express their opinions through public comment to the School Committee and the Superintendent within a reasonable time frame; and

WHEREAS: Meaningful public participation is a cornerstone of democratic governance and public trust, and the School Committee recognizes that urgent matters of public concern may arise which are not yet reflected on a published agenda but which fall squarely within the Committee's responsibility to oversee the district; and

WHEREAS: The Committee wishes to provide the Chair with flexibility to adjust public comment time based on the number of speakers and meeting constraints, while ensuring that any such adjustments are applied uniformly to all speakers; now therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the School Committee amend Rule 4.2 (Public Comment) as follows:

1. Public comment shall be permitted on agenda items and on any matters within the jurisdiction and authority of the School Committee.
2. The default time allotted for public comment shall remain three (3) minutes per speaker.
3. When ten (10) or fewer speakers are signed up for public comment, the Chair may increase the time allotted per speaker to no more than five (5) minutes.
4. When the number of speakers or time constraints require, the Chair may reduce the time allotted per speaker to no less than two (2) minutes, consistent with current practice.

5. Any adjustment to the time allotted for public comment:
 - o Shall be announced at the start of the public comment period; and
 - o Shall apply uniformly to all speakers during that public comment period.
6. All other provisions of Rule 4.2 shall remain in full force and effect.

11. Announcements:

12. Late Orders:

13. Communications and Reports from City Officers: