

June 17, 2020

TO: MA Governor Charlie Baker
MA Secretary of Education James Peyser
MA Commissioner of Education Jeffrey Riley
MA Senate President Karen Spilka
MA House Speaker Robert DeLeo

CC: State Senator Edward Kennedy
State Representative Rady Mom
State Representative David Nangle
State Representative Thomas Golden
Lowell City Council

WHEREAS, if schools are to re-open this fall in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is the responsibility of each school district to do so safely and responsibly; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the state to ensure that each school district is able to pay for the enormous additional staffing, transportation and material expenses required to do this; and

WHEREAS, the state cannot expect mandatory COVID-19 safety guidelines to be followed without also ensuring that each school district has the funds required to implement these guidelines; therefore, let it be

RESOLVED: that the state must guarantee every school district full reimbursement for whatever COVID-19 expenses are required to follow state mandates.

We must ensure a statewide school re-opening that is safe, responsible and equitable.

THERE CAN BE NO UNFUNDED MANDATES FOR COVID-19.

Respectfully,

Lowell School Committee

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