

Lowell Public Schools



REPORT ON STATUS OF OUTSTANDING MOTIONS

Report on Motions: July 15, 2020

ON-GOING REPORTS

Lowell High School Advisory: October 2 nd , December 18 th , March 18 th , May 20 th ,
Recognize Retirees: Every June
Annual Report on Textbook Purchases: Every August
Quarterly Enrollment Figures: October, January, April and July

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

LEAD	DATE OF MOTION	MOTION	DEPARTMENT ASSIGNED & EXPECTED COMPLETION DATE	STATUS
1. SUPT	03/04/20	<u>Redline Edits to Specify Changes</u> Request the Superintendent provide contracts, job descriptions, and other documents requiring school committee review (whether for executive session or open meeting) at least 24 hours before the meeting occurs. Also, the documents being reviewed must have redline edits that specify all changes from previous similar-type documents.	Offices of Personnel & Superintendent	Ongoing
2. SUPT	06/17/20	<u>Resolution COVID-19 Expenses</u> [by Jackie Doherty] Request the Lowell School Committee join with MASC and other school committees across the state in support of a Resolution regarding full state reimbursement for COVID-19 expenses.	Supt.	Completed 06/17/20



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OFFICE OF EDUCATIONAL EQUITY & COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT – CHIEF EQUITY & ENGAGEMENT OFFICER

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1. CEEO	08/21/19	<p><u>Revise Policy School Visits, Social Media & Fundraising</u> [by Gerard Nutter]: Request policy subcommittee meet with the administration before the two October School committee meetings to review/revise policy on school committee visits, social media, fundraising.</p>	Legislative Affairs	Will be raised for discussion at one of the upcoming Policy Subcommittee meetings that will be held per the availability of the Policy Subcommittee members
2. CEEO	09/04/19	<p><u>Review School Assignment Policy</u> [by Mayor William Samaras and Gerard Nutter]: Administration to review the JCA – School Assignment Policy and provide recommendations especially with regard to siblings and the importance of family along with the student living within the school neighborhood street directory criteria.</p>	Welcome Services/FRC	Closed. School Assignment Policy approved at January 15, 2020 meeting
3. CEEO	09/18/19	<p><u>District Wide Recess Policy</u> [by Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux]: Administration compile a report on the implementation of District Wide Recess Policy to see how it is being followed and consider partnering with Lowell Education Justice Alliance to form a task force for further review and recommendations on recess being taken away as punishment.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement	Will be discussed further at one of the upcoming Policy Subcommittee meetings that will be held per the availability of the Policy Subcommittee members
4. CEEO	10/02/19	<p><u>Training Program for School Site Council</u> [by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent collaborates with the Citywide Family Council to develop and implement a training/educational program for School Site Council members in preparation for school-based budgeting in Spring 2020.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement	<p style="color: blue; text-decoration: underline;">School Site Council Memo</p> Click link for memo In progress.

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5. CEEO	11/06/19	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Support Citywide Family Council</u></p> <p>[by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a plan to support the Citywide Family Council efforts to engage parents that includes regular access to school leadership, designated school contacts, assistance in promoting CFC events directly to families, school site councils, advisory councils, and parent-teacher organizations, as well as other suggestions to collaborate with CFC in support of family-school engagement.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement	Collaborative plan being developed to include strengthening communication and providing leadership workshops/trainings for implementation this school year.
6. CEEO	11/20/19	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Adult Education Graduation Rate</u></p> <p>[by Gerard Nutter]: Request Superintendent provides a report on how many Lowell Parents / Adults were enrolled in Adult Education for the last 3 years, how many out of City adults are we educating? Graduation rate of both.</p>	Adult Education Center	Closed. information provided at the December 18 th School Committee meeting.
7. CEEO	02/19/20	<p>[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to assign the responsibility to someone in the district to maintain a system-wide calendar of events that will be easy to navigate for all of our parents and staff who would attend many of these events if they knew where they could go on our website to find out.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement – Communications Team	In progress

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8. CEEO	02/19/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Selection Process on SSC</u></p> <p>[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to review whether or not some schools had administrative interference in the selection process of their SSC's. It should involve parents only.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement	In progress
9. CEEO	02/19/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Smore newsletter software</u></p> <p>[by Hilary Clark]: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the feasibility of procuring licenses for the Smore newsletter software for use at every school in the district. Report back should include cost and plan for implementation including training. Smore is currently in use at the Pyne Arts Magnet School, Washington Elementary and Lowell High School. Benefits include translation of newsletter content into 100 languages and tracks engagement.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement – Communications Team	In progress. LPS purchased licenses for Smore and will begin issuing them to schools this month (May 2020)
10. CEEO	02/19/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Funds From Student Opportunity Act</u></p> <p>[by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent develop the spending plan and timeline for informing the committee and engaging the community on how the district will use additional funds generated from the Student Opportunity Act prior to April 1, which is the deadline for submitting to DESE.</p>	Office of Equity & Engagement	In progress

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11. CEO	02/19/20	<u>Citywide Family Council Annual Update</u> [by Jackie Doherty]: Per December 2018 motion, request the Superintendent invite leaders from the Citywide Family Council to make their annual presentation updating the school committee on their work to engage families.	Office of Equity and Engagement – Family Engagement Team	In progress
12. CEO	04/01/20	<u>United States Census</u> [By Mayor John Leahy]: Request the Superintendent to update the Committee on district's plan to support the 2020 United States Census.	Office of Equity & Engagement	In Progress
13. CEO	04/15/20	<u>Mental Health & SSS, SW Roles</u> [by Jackie Doherty]: motion to get a report from the administration that outlines the structures in place to support the mental health needs of our students. The report should include the roles of the Student Support Specialists and Social Workers, as well as address the delivery and oversight of mental health supports across the district.	Office of Equity & Engagement & Office of ELearning & Teaching	Completed 5/20/20

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14. CEEO	05/06/20	[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to form a committee tasked to raise funds for the purpose of obtaining enough technology for EVERY child in the LPS.	Office of Equity & Engagement & Office of ELearning & Teaching	In Progress

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OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING – CHIEF OF SCHOOLS

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OFFICE OF TEACHING & LEARNING – CHIEF OF ACADEMICS

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1. CAO	10/16/19	<u><i>Learning a Trade at LHS</i></u> [by Dominik Lay]: Ask the Superintendent to develop a partnership with the Greater Lowell Technical School to afford students to learn a trade while attending Lowell High School.	Office of Teaching and Learning Chief Academic Officer	Report will be prepared once grant notification from the DESE is received.
2. CAO	10/16/19	<u><i>Community Service Requirement</i></u> [by Gerard Nutter]: Request LHS Sub-Committee meet to discuss possibility of adding a Community Service Requirement for all grades to count towards Graduation.	LHS Head of Schools	Taskforce will be created to look at the feasibility
3. CAO	12/18/19	<u><i>Update on Bullying Policies</i></u> [by Andy Descoteaux]: Request the Superintendent to update us on any new policies going forward on bullying.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Referred to Policy Subcommittee
4. CAO	02/19/20	<u><i>Opioid Prevention Program</i></u> [by Mayor John Leahy]: Request that the Superintendent work with the Fire Department to establish an Opioid Prevention Program at Lowell High School.	Office of Teaching & Learning	Ongoing

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5. CAO	05/06/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Remote learning & Snow Days</u></p> <p>[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to ask DESE if what we can develop as a plan for remote learning could be used to cover snow days; thereby eliminating the need to make up snow days at the end of the year.</p>	Office of Teaching & Learning	Awaiting DESE Guidance
6. CAO	05/20/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Creegan TV Studio</u></p> <p>[By Michael Dillon Jr.]: Request the Superintendent provide an update on the Creegan TV Studio (staffing, technology capabilities, and usage) for discussion on incorporating online content production into future technology planning.</p>	Office of Teaching & Learning	Completed 06/17/20
7. CAO	05/20/20	<p style="text-align: center;">Task Force Transition - Next School Year</p> <p>[By Bob Hoey]: In consideration of the stress and issues that students are dealing with because of COVID-19, request the Superintendent initiate a Task Force to look at how to take advantage of all our staff's skills to best transition from this school year to the next school year.</p>	Office of Teaching & Learning	Completed 06/17/20

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OFFICE OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS – CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

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1. CFO	11/06/19	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>PEG Funding</u></p> <p>[by Gerard Nutter And Andy Descoteaux]: Request School Committee vote to direct ALL PEG funding be used to update TV Studio Equipment and NOT on Personal salaries.</p>	In Progress Dec 2019	Report is in progress/draft
2. CFO	11/06/19	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Status of C.E.P. Program</u></p> <p>[by Gerard Nutter]: Request Update from Administration on status of C.E.P. program (Community Eligibility Provision) specifically if Gov't funding will continue/possible cuts and date when we have to reapply.</p>	Draft 11/15/19	<p style="text-align: center;">Draft Memo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Click link for memo</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Waiting for DESE response</p>
3. CFO	04/01/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Expenditures by year</u></p> <p>By Bob Hoey]: That the superintendent produce a report by April 1, 2020 meet with the following information charting out spend expenditures by year for the last 15 years (or as far as back as possible)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of total special education budget; I Percentage of kids receiving special location services; Amount of money spent on out of district services; I Percentages of children utilizing out of district services; Number of employees working in Special Education (please also provide their job descriptions); Total of number of employees within the district per year. 	CFO	Presented 06/17/20 And will be presented again on 07/15/20

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4. CFO	04/15/20	<u>Plan B for the FY21 Budget</u> [By Mayor John Leahy]: Request that the Superintendent provide the committee with a report showing that the administration is working on a plan B for the FY21 Budget.	CFO April 2020	Ongoing

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OFFICE OF FINANCE & OPERATIONS- CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

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1. COO	11/06/19	<u>Collegiate Charter School Hours</u> [by Gerard Nutter]: Request Update from Administration on plans to alleviate additional transportation cost caused by the change in hours at the Collegiate Charter School of Lowell.	Ongoing Transportation John Descoteaux	Transportation is in contact with CCS to addressing any proposed changes
2. COO	11/06/19	<u>MSBA School Repairs Update</u> [by Andy Descoteaux]: Request the Superintendent provides the Committee with an update on the process of MSBA school repairs.	Ongoing Facilities	Meetings occurred @ MSBA on 11/06/19 coordination with City is ongoing
3. COO	12/18/19	<u>Staff Evaluations</u> [by Jacqueline Doherty]: Request the Superintendent provide the committee with a report on the staffing positions (and number of employees impacted) that were not evaluated or only partially evaluated during the 2018-2019 academic year and the reasons, if known, why those evaluations were not completed. The report also should include whether any positions are not scheduled to be evaluated during the current academic year, and if so, what plans are in place to remedy any challenges going forward.	COO	Ongoing Presented 02/05/20

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4. COO	3/27/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>S.C. Authority to Act on Contracts</u></p> <p>[by Bob Hoey]: Superintendent to review with Solicitor the School Committee's authority to vote on paying transportation providers and other vendors when services could not be performed because of COVID-19 closure of schools.</p>	COO	See memo dated 4/13/20
5. COO	04/01/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Empty Judicial Building</u></p> <p>[by Andy Descoteaux]: Ask the Superintendent to ask the City Manager what the status is of the empty judicial buildings in the city. If they are available for city use, the LPS could use one or two.</p>	COO	Will be Presented 05/20/20
6. COO	05/20/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>New LHS & Named Areas</u></p> <p>[by Bob Hoey]: That the Facilities Subcommittee meet to talk about procedures to name areas of the new Lowell High School and to determine whether current dedications will carry over to the new Lowell High School from the current.</p>	COO	Subcommittee will be scheduled in the summer
7. COO	06/17/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Participation in Collective Bargaining</u></p> <p>[by Hilary Clark]: Motion to have the Lowell School Committee Participate in collective bargaining with all unions instead of the Human Resources & Labor Relations Subcommittee.</p>	COO	Ongoing

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8. COO	06/17/20	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>July 4th Holiday</u></p> <p>[by Hilary Clark]: Motion to close offices and schools on July 3, 2020 in recognition of the July 4th holiday, which falls on Saturday for building services personnel and request that the Administrative Assistants use it as a paid holiday pursuant to their contract in light of the current budget situation.</p>	COO	Completed July 3, 2020

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CITY COUNCIL MOTIONS

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