



Outlook

Medford School Committee - School Bus Cameras

From Joanne Allen <jallen@medford.k12.ma.us>**Date** Tue 11/25/2025 1:53 PM**To** Jenny Graham <jennygraham@medford.k12.ma.us>; Isaac 'Zac' Bears <ibears@medford-ma.gov>

Good Afternoon

Please see the requested resolution below presented on September 8, 2025.

I have also included the Agenda from September 8, 2025 along with the Agenda/Meeting Minutes from September 22, 2025, that include the votes. If you would like the recording of the meeting, please let me know.

2025-26 Offered by Member Graham

Medford School Committee Resolution Requesting City Council Adoption of Chapter 399 – School Bus Stop-Arm Camera Enforcement

WHEREAS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts enacted Chapter 399 of the Acts of 2024, titled An Act Concerning the Safety of School Children Embarking and Disembarking School Buses, which authorizes municipalities to install and operate school bus violation detection monitoring systems; and

WHEREAS, this law allows cities and towns that formally accept its provisions to use bus-mounted cameras to detect and record motor vehicles that illegally pass a stopped school bus displaying flashing red lights and a deployed stop-arm, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, Sections 14 and 14C; and

WHEREAS, pilot programs in Peabody and Salem have demonstrated the effectiveness of these systems, with thousands of violations recorded in a single school year, highlighting the urgent need for enhanced enforcement tools to protect students; and

WHEREAS, the law includes strict privacy protections, requiring that non-violation recordings be destroyed within 30 days and violation-related recordings within one year of final disposition; and

WHEREAS, the safety of Medford's children is a top priority, and the implementation of stop-arm cameras has been shown to deter illegal passing and improve compliance with school bus safety laws;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Medford School Committee respectfully requests that the Medford City Council formally accept the provisions of Chapter 399 of the Acts of 2024, thereby enabling the City of Medford to install and operate school bus violation detection monitoring systems;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Committee recommends the establishment of a joint committee—including one representative from the School Committee, one representative from the City Council, the Chief of Police, the Superintendent of Schools, and the Mayor, or designee—to evaluate and recommend policies regarding the use of revenue generated from citations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Committee respectfully requests that the Mayor agree to earmark citation revenue for exclusive use as directed by the recommendations of this committee, with priority given to student safety initiatives, transportation infrastructure improvements, and public awareness campaigns.

Date Submitted: September 3, 2025

Date Requested to be on Agenda: September 8, 2025

Motion to approve 2025-26

Unanimously approved

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Branley (2)



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Happy Thanksgiving!

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