



OFFERED BY CITY COUNCILOR ANNISSA ESSAIBI-GEORGE
Breadon, O'Malley, Edwards, Wu, Baker, Mejia, Arroyo, Campbell, Flynn,
Flaherty, Bok and Janey **CITY OF BOSTON**
IN CITY COUNCIL

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING THE FISCAL
YEAR 2020 BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TRANSPORTATION BUDGET**

WHEREAS: For the FY20 Budget, the Boston Public School transportation costs were projected and on-track to rise to over \$125 million, but the COVID-19 pandemic interrupted the school year and changed the cost trajectory; and

WHEREAS: In the FY19 Budget, the Boston City Council approved a \$119 million budget for Boston Public School transportation and the district spent \$126 million; and

WHEREAS: In the FY18 Budget, the Boston City Council approved a \$116 Million budget for Boston Public School transportation and the district spent \$123 million; and

WHEREAS: In the FY17 Budget, the Boston City Council approved a Boston Public School Transportation budget of \$110 Million and the district spent \$119 million; and

WHEREAS: In the FY17 BPS Transportation promised a savings of \$10 Million after implementing efficiency strategies. This savings was not realized; and

WHEREAS: This hearing will serve as a mid-year audit of the BPS Transportation department so the Council can better understand any cost overruns or savings as we prepare for this upcoming budget cycle; and

WHEREAS: BPS has a legal and moral obligation to provide safe transportation to students across the district and to responsibility utilize the \$xx million budgeted for FY21,
THEREFORE, BE IT

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to examine the year to date spending of the Boston Public School Transportation System, the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on costs during FY20, the baseline transportation costs in FY21, how reopening more schools to in-person learning will impact transportation costs in FY21, and any other mid-year planned adjustments.