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CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING ON BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUS TRANSPORTATION RELIABILITY

WHEREAS, On the first day of school, the Boston Public Schools bus department had an on-time drop off rate of 57 percent. Thus, 43 percent of students did not make the first bell, Boston's best first-day performance in six year; *and*

WHEREAS, The last comparable school year, 2019-20, had an on-time morning performance of 43 percent, and the five year average for the first day of school bus drop off is 48 percent; *and*

WHEREAS, BPS Families and students have inadequate tools to plan for alternative transportation because bus GPS app tracking has been inconsistent, unreliable, and unpredictable; *and*

WHEREAS, Reports of students waiting two hours for a bus that never came, or special education students denied boarding because of a lack of bus monitors, have been reported; *and*

WHEREAS, Students rode a party bus due to the continuing school bus driver shortage ; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the ongoing issue of Boston Public School bus transportation reliability whereby the Boston Public School department and other interested parties shall be invited to testify.

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