

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY AND FRANK BAKER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING FOR THE POSSIBLE
CLOSING OF SEVERAL BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
BCYF COMMUNITY CENTERS THIS SUMMER

WHEREAS, Facility repairs are needed at many of our Boston Public Schools, and there are tentative plans underway to do HVAC remediation work at several of the schools that are connected to our Boston Centers for Youth and Families (BCYF) Community Centers over this summer; **and**

WHEREAS, Our community centers support children, youth, individuals, seniors, and families through a wide range of programs and services. They offer affordable opportunities to encourage healthy habits, promote physical fitness, and give people an opportunity to learn to swim, exercise in the gyms, participate in activities for all ages, and register their children for summer camp; **and**

WHEREAS, The tentative list of schools to be closed for repairs are Murphy, Tynan, Condon, Quincy and Ohrenberger. If all of these locations are closed this summer there will be hundreds of families displaced across the City who plan on signing their children up for summer camp at these community centers; **and**

WHEREAS, The Ohrenberger Community Center hosts the Camp Joy program that provides structured activities designed to help Bostonians with special needs ages 3-15 make new friends, have fun, learn and grow; **and**

WHEREAS, Making sure the much needed repairs at these locations are completed in a timely manner is a priority of ours. If any of these repairs have potential impact on summer programming at our community centers we need to know in advance so we can notify residents and make the necessary alternative plans to ease the impact this may have; **and**

WHEREAS, When there is a sudden closure of one of these community centers, it creates a disservice to residents. We need to bring all stakeholders together to make sure we are communicating between departments and including communities that will be most negatively impacted to ensure they have a voice in this process; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED, That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing regarding the possible closing of several Boston Center for Youth and Families Community Centers this summer. Representatives from the administration,

including the Boston Public Schools Facilities, Public Facilities, BCYF and in addition members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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