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CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL

ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING BUILDBPS

WHEREAS: In 2017 Mayor Walsh announced the release of BuildBPS, a ten year facilities plan to help improve Boston Public Schools' (BPS) buildings and create 21st century educational spaces for our students; and

WHEREAS: BuildBPS is a \$1 billion investment in our schools, with a promise of investing \$13 million from the 21st Century Schools Fund into new school furniture and technology to promote innovative learning and teaching methodologies; and

WHEREAS: The Boston School Committee voted to close West Roxbury Academy and Urban Science Academy on December 2018 and the McCormack Middle School will be closing as part of the second phase of BuildBPS; and

WHEREAS: The future of many of our schools remain uncertain, creating a sense of insecurity for many of our families, teachers, and school administrators because of the potential merging of schools; and

WHEREAS: BPS has hosted and is expected to continue hosting a series of public meetings to provide updated information, to engage with the community, and to receive feedback on BuildBPS; **THEREFORE, BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to receive an update on the progress of BuildBPS after receiving feedback from the community. Interested parties should be invited to participate such as the Boston Public Schools, parents, students, teachers, education advocates, and more.

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