

Offered by City Councilors Annissa Essaibi-George, Kim Janey and Michelle Wu



**CITY OF BOSTON
IN CITY COUNCIL**

**ORDER FOR A HEARING REGARDING
AN ADMISSIONS POLICY AND FUNDING
CHANGES FOR MADISON PARK TECHNICAL
VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND
IMPROVING PARTNERSHIPS**

WHEREAS: Madison Park Technical Vocational High School is the only technical vocational school in the City of Boston, providing students a variety of technical vocational programs that prepare students to enter a range of fields; and

WHEREAS: Madison Park is not a regional technical vocational school, and is funded as a Boston Public School through the Weighted Student Formula (WSF) and any Chapter 74 funds are funneled through BPS and not directly to the school to determine its spending; and

WHEREAS: There are new trades on the rise and the students of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School deserve a state of the art facility that has updated equipment and adequate space to learn and teach; and

WHEREAS: Boston Public Schools has launched BuildBPS and does not include any upgrades to the Madison Park building; and

WHEREAS: Partnerships play a key role for students to have exposure and gain experience in their field, as well potential employers or funders; and

WHEREAS: The City Council education committee held a hearing in 2018 where various potential stakeholders recommended to improve, strengthen or create new partnerships with Madison Park directly; and

WHEREAS: Madison Park Technical Vocational High School continues to have a large number of vacant seats due to the Boston Public Schools assignment policy and lack of having an admissions policy for years; and

WHEREAS: Advocates have been working towards developing and implementing an admissions policy for Madison Park because majority of technical

vocational high schools have an admissions policy typically consisting of an application process, an interview, a letter of recommendation, academic records, and more; and

WHEREAS: Madison Park Technical Vocational High School has been neglected over the years, ***THEREFORE BE IT***

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee in the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss implementing an admissions policy, financial strategies to improve Madison Park Technical Vocational High School and strengthen new and existing partnerships.

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