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135 Berkshire Street, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02141

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TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE:

Approval of Revisions to Inoculations of Students Policy

Recommendation: That the School Committee approve the revision to the Inoculations of Students Policy as detailed in the attached document.

This is a second reading of this policy revision.

Description: This revision to the Inoculations of Students Policy is being made in order to align the current policy with the recent change made by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health to the Immunization of Students Before Admission to School requirements to require the influenza vaccine.

Supporting Data: Attached is the redline of revision to the Cambridge Public Schools Inoculation of Students Policy.

Respectfully submitted,

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### INOCULATIONS OF STUDENTS

Students entering school for the first time, whether at kindergarten or through transfer from another school system, will be required to present a physician's certificate attesting to immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough, poliomyelitis, tetanus, measles, influenza and such other communicable diseases as may be specified from time to time by the Department of Public Health. The only exception to these requirements will be made on receipt of a written statement from a doctor that immunization would not be in the best interests of the child; or, the student's parent/guardian/caregiver stating that vaccination or immunization is contrary to the religious beliefs of the student or parent/guardian/caregiver.

LEGAL REF.: M.G.L. c. 76, §15  
105 C.M.R. 220.00

Adopted: *May 15, 2018*