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OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK
CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS

To the Honorable, the City Council

Re: Funding of Community Schools Positions – Inequity

The Citywide Community Council requests that all three Community Schools whose existence has been in doubt in the last month, be funded. Transmitted as attachments are facsimiles of the three petitions that were generated--both online and by hand--by supporters of the three Community Schools, beginning in January with a petition from the Amigos Parent Council, followed by the Longfellow petition and then the petition to save all three Community Schools.

We, the undersigned, on behalf of all the 756 signers of these petitions, and the parents of the 1,400 children who use our Cambridge Community School programs, request that a full-time assistant position be funded for each Community School in the City.

As a supporting argument for the funding of these positions we include, for an example, a table showing the inequities between the staffing for Youth Centers and that of Community Schools. For the sake of brevity, we did not include a comparison with other DHSP afterschool or daycare programs.

In addition, we would like to mention that when the Neighborhood Councils and Community Schools were created by city charter 43 years ago, there were two full-time positions at each Community School/Neighborhood Council.

We thank you for your continuing support and ask you respectfully to consider carefully our request for equity in staffing for Community Schools.

On behalf of the Citywide Community Council:

Respectfully yours,

- Carolyn Shipley
- Barbara Hayes
- Michelle Borden
- Carol Hill
- Kevin Hill
- Andrea Spears
- Jean Tanous
- Bethany Versoy

Enclosures (7)

COMPARISON OF COMMUNITY SCHOOLS WITH YOUTH CENTERS

PROGRAM	YOUTH CENTERS TODAY	COMMUNITY SCHOOLS TODAY
HOW MANY UNITS	5	11
FULL-TIME STAFF	19	11
PART-TIME STAFF PAID BY CITY	90+	ZERO
TRAINING FUNDING FOR PART TIME STAFF?	YES	NO¹
NUMBERS OF CHILDREN SERVED	Approx. 700	1,400 per semester 900 summer camps 800 Arts in the Parks
EVENING ADULT CLASSES	NO ²	YES

¹ City "loans" money to Community Schools for the training, which Community Schools pay back.

² Some open once a month for all.

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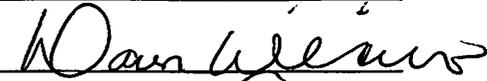
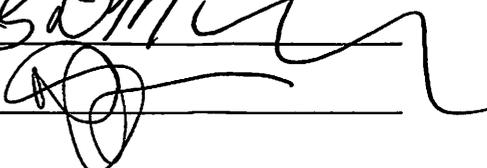
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We, the below petitioners, thank you for your consideration of our above requests.

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6. Emily Raymond
125 Harvard St #407 Cambridge

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76 KENNEDY ST.

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Debra Sinden

9. Jen Dearden 1195 Cambridge St #1

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10. LES MALONE 50 [unclear]

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12. SHERMAN

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15. John Hall

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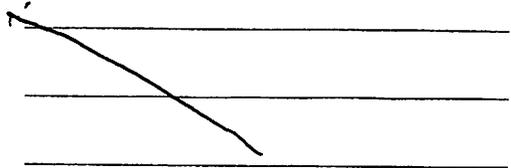
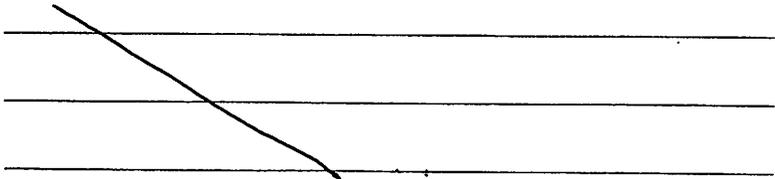
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Don't cut Popular, Successful Community School Programs

Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Mr. Healy

----- Don't cut Popular, Successful Community School Programs

Please save the directors' positions of the Longfellow and King Community Schools and add a director for the Amigos Program.

If there were a program that serves 1,400 children, 200 seniors, hundreds of families and adults with offerings of 1,700 enrichment classes for children, dozens of exciting day trips per year, and immensely successful summer camp programs serving 900 children, and Arts in the Parks program for hundreds of city children during summer school vacation, all at very little cost to the city per child or adult served, **WOULD YOU CONSIDER IT A GREAT PROGRAM WORTHY OF FUNDING?** Let's further ask: Why wouldn't you want to fund a program that **PROMOTES** the City Council **GOALS** of "fostering community..." and "supporting neighborhood vitality" and also meets the Council **GOALS** to "strengthen and support Human Services... and out of school learning" which Community Schools **do** on a greater scale than any other out-of-school-time program or community building program in this city. **COUNCILLORS: WE ASK THAT YOU SUPPORT OUR REQUEST THAT ABSOLUTELY NO COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROGRAMS WILL BE CUT, EVER, NOT THE KING COMMUNITY SCHOOL OR THE LONGFELLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL AND THAT THE AMIGOS PROGRAM IS GIVEN A COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN THEIR NEW HOME ON UPTON STREET.**

Sincerely,

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- ✓ 84. Amy Bebergal, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 85. Steve Wineman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 86. Marcie Shunk, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 87. Margaret Carney Myers, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 88. Jennifer Ausrotas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 89. Belinda Watt, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 90. Sarah Pocock, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 91. Mary Ellen Doran, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 92. Kate Anderson, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139-2616, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 93. Lisa McManus, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 94. Katherine becker, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 95. Deana Tolliver, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 96. Erin Dullea, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 97. Ruth Drasin, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 98. Ken Pierce, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 99. Janelle Whitney, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 100. Ashley Owens Woid, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 101. Christopher Small, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 102. Emma Weiler, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 103. Cristina Malatesta, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 104. Bette Denich, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 105. Ginna Hall, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 106. Carol Keegan, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 107. Patricia Hamel, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓ 108. Trellis Stepter, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27

109. Emily Mueller De Celis, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, US, 2012-02-27
110. Whitney Allen, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
111. Melissa Smith, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
112. Wojciech szczerba, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
113. Laura Blacklow, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
114. Cindy Marsh, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
115. Freedom Baird, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
116. Julie Hodges, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
117. Boniswa Sundai, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
118. Alanna Mallon, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
119. Lise Stern, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
120. Michelle Hinds, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓121. Jane Chiang, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓122. Jaime Moriconi, tewksbury, Massachusetts, 01876, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓123. Vassiliki Rapti, Cmabridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓124. Stephanie Rebelo, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓125. Robert Mallon, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓126. Deniz Sikora, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02142, USA, 2012-02-27
127. Julie Croston, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
128. Melissa Sabatino, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
129. Kristine Jelstrup, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
130. Leslie MacIntosh, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
131. Jeanne Smith, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
132. Alina Haddleton, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
133. Maria Balinska, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
134. Erika DeGregorio, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
135. Oxana Shevel, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
136. Bannet Steele, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27
137. Oksana Deinak-Pingitore, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, U S, 2012-02-27
138. Turgut Fettah Kosar, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27
139. joella beiber, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
140. David De Celis, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27
141. Richard Graham III, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27

142. Roland Tang ,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-27
143. Tom Hacerd, Cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-27
144. Anna van Oudenaarden,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,US, 2012-02-27
- ✓145. Charles Mututu,Tewksbury,Massachusetts,01876,USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓146. Judy Bright, Cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-27
147. Lauraine Boccone, Huron, South Dakota,O2138,USA, 2012-02-27
148. Abby Fechtman,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02141,USA, 2012-02-27
149. Clifford Anderson,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-27
150. Christine orlik,cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-27
151. Regina Mitarachi,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-27
- ✓152. April mcmahon,Lowell,Massachusetts,01851,USA, 2012-02-28
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- ✓154. Cathy Cabrera,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓155. Jennifer Smith,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02318,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓156. Pamela Blau,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓157. Pedro Mateo,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓158. Adam Morgan, Santa Cruz,California,95062,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓159. Shoma Aditya,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02140,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓160. Zina Gomez-Liss ,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-28
- ✓161. YASEMIN ISLER,CAMBRIDGE,Mass,02138,USA, 2012-02-28
162. Felicity Lufkin,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-28
163. Ekin Kosar,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-28
164. Louis Cohen,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-29
165. Marty Ostrow,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-29
166. Nita Sembrowich,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-29
167. Peggy Lynch, Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-02-29
168. Stephanie delia,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02141,USA, 2012-02-29
169. Pamela Curtis,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139-3961,USA, 2012-02-29
170. Emma Feigenbaum,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02138,USA, 2012-02-29
171. Andrea Devine,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02141,USA, 2012-03-01
- ✓172. Barbara Broussard,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02141,USA, 2012-03-01
- ✓173. Peg Hume,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-03-01
174. Clara Diebold,Cambridge,Massachusetts,02139,USA, 2012-03-01

175. Cynthia Ingols, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-01
176. Victoria Pitchford, Toronto,, m1r1r5, Canada, 2012-03-01
177. Rick Tonsing, Fair Oaks, California, 95628, USA, 2012-03-02
178. Bill August, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-02
179. Phyllis Bretholtz, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-03
180. Kulzhamal Zhandalinova, Astana,, 010000, Kazakhstan, 2012-03-04
181. Lily Lee, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, USA, 2012-03-04
182. Frankie Lieberman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-04
183. Amy Meltzer, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-04
184. Colleen Clark, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-05
185. Nina Nolan, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-05
186. Rick Barry, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-05
187. Aimee Bonanno, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-05
188. Quinton Zondervan, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, USA, 2012-03-06
189. Jimena Bermejo-Black, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-06
190. Debra rosenblum, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, USA, 2012-03-06
191. J Ferguson, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-03-06
192. Julie Smith, East Boston, Massachusetts, 02128, United States, 2012-03-06
193. Concerned Citizen, New City, New York, 10956-2406, United States, 2012-03-06
194. Tina christodouleas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, United States, 2012-03-06
195. Tina christodouleas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, United States, 2012-03-06
196. Patty Lee, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-06
197. Sara Hendren, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-07
198. Anne Williamson, Cambridge, Mass., 02139-3029, United States, 2012-03-07
199. Katherine Gakenheimer, Cambridge, Mass., 02139, United States, 2012-03-07
200. Rebecca coyne, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, United States, 2012-03-07
201. Dian Holder, cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-07
202. Robin Wolfe, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, United States, 2012-03-08
203. Margarita Fenn, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-09
204. George Mokray, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-10
205. Chris macdonald, Newton, Massachusetts, 02459, United States, 2012-03-10
206. Toni 'Bee' Brooks, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-15
207. Ben Brophy, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-15

- 208. John Little, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-03-15
- 209. Marilyn S, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-18
- 210. Cecilia Stevens, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-28

THE FOLLOWING ARE THE COMMENTS ADDED BY SOME OF THE SIGNERS:

Name, City, State, Zip, Country, Signed On, Comment

Gordon Fellman, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-24, Our kids get SO MUCH from Community School. Please do not deprive them of their learning and joy.

Metaka Maxwell, Albuquerque, NM, 87106, USA, 2012-02-26, Remember: a vote to cut funding to community programs is a vote for violent gangs and drugs!

Bethany Versoy, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27, "The City Manager states ""I understand that the (Amigos) Principal, working with the families from the school, has set aside some space in the building for the Community School."" The King Community was NEVER consulted and we do not support losing our Community School. There are several issues at stake and the fact that this process happened on a Friday at the end of vacation, with the possible vote being taken on Monday is suspect at best."

Max Moore, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27, "Dear City Councillors and City Manager, As promised, all schools and need to have a Community School as part of an afterschool solution for the healthy and diverse thriving and survival of the schools. Also, the benefits to the community at large make the Community Schools an important resource, and at a bargain rate. Thank you, Max Moore"

Nadia Colburn, Cambridge, MA, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27, "Community schools are a vital part of our city; a cut to them, as someone else said, is a vote for gangs and drugs. "

Mary Ellen Doran, Cambridge, MA, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27, "It is vital that people look at the bigger picture. The Community Schools provide enrichment opportunities that keep children active physically and challenges their mind academically and artistically. They get the invaluable time to continue to grow bonds with other children and families in the area. This is especially true for new families moving to the area who have no other options because of missing deadlines elsewhere. In many cases, the bonds that are developed are keeping families in Cambridge rather than moving them to other cities. The return on investment by the City includes tax dollars by families who can successfully have two working adults because of this childcare option. Families that stay in Cambridge and invest in the community, add money to the local establishments that are frequented on errands and dinner options that are convenient to the Community School locations. Many of us **DEPEND** on this programming."

Lisa McManus, Cambridge, MA, 02140, USA, 2012-02-27, "The Community School serves a real purpose, building community and giving kids a place to go. Their roles extend far beyond what's on paper as a job description. Please don't remove the Community School from any CPS location. "

Deana Tolliver, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27, "Community Schools provide much needed resources, guidance and enrichment to families and residents who could otherwise afford such services. Eliminating a Director Position, and thus an entire neighborhood program, would cost thousands of Cambridge residents access to classes and programs that not only provide a fun environment for them to socialize and learn, but also a safe and warm place for them to stay after

school. The cost of what these students and seniors will do without these programs (both fiscally and ethically) is far greater than keeping them."

Janelle Whitney, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27, "We love the Community School. It is a great help for working parents, and a great way for kids to be involved in extra creative activities."

Virginia Hall, Cambridge, MA, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27, our community schools are a valuable complement to our children's academic education.

Patricia Hamel, Cambridge, MA, 02141, USA, 2012-02-27, The good work of community schools is invaluable and cannot be replaced easily. Please be cautious in your decisions.

Alanna Mallon, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27, "The community schools in each of the Cambridge elementary schools provide invaluable services to working parents of this community. Without these services and the care and craft of their directors, working parents in Cambridge would have no good, safe, affordable options for the time between school and end of the work day. I am disheartened to see that this position is taken so lightly by this city council. One of the main reasons our family can continue to live in this outrageously expensive community is that the community schools provide safe after school activities for our children. In addition to providing quality after school care, these people also are the glue that holds the entire school community together. Our teachers and staff do not have the time or inclination to plan and host Halloween parties, school concerts or pizza nights. The director and volunteers for the community schools work tirelessly for our children and our school communities. Please do not consider removing the community schools from the King School or any other Cambridge school."

Jaime Moriconi, Tewksbury, MA, 01876, USA, 2012-02-27, "any document promoting education, enrichment classes, and summer camps for our children no matter what town or city i will stand behind!"

Deniz Sikora, Cambridge, MA, 02142, USA, 2012-02-27, It is unacceptable to even think about killing such a wonderful program that our kids love and many of us parents depend on.

Kristine Jelstrup, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-02-27, The City Manager proposes depriving the Riverside Neighborhood of a neighborhood council and a community school. This is a heavily minority neighborhood and a low-income neighborhood. They need these human service/educational/seniors programs! Please do not cut their programs!

Maria Balinska, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27, This is a hugely beneficial program for families and the city.

Turgut Fettah Kosar, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-27, " Dear City Councillors and City Manager, Eliminating the Community School Director position at the King School as a way to respond to a budget cut would be a major disservice to the residents and children of that neighborhood. Over time, this action's rippling effect would affect other neighborhoods as well and decrease the value of Cambridge as choice of residence. I strongly urge not to try to cut funding from this important program. Sincerely, T. Fettah Kosar, PhD"

Cathy Cabrera, Cambridge, MA, 02140, USA, 2012-02-28, "Community schools are a vital part of the community. If the City Manager and city council actually could defend this decision, they would have given the community more than 1 business day notice about this proposal. I am honestly disgusted at this undemocratic procedure."

Pedro Mateo, Cambridge, MA, 02138, USA, 2012-02-28, Education is important! Cutting community school programs is denying children's right to education.

Felicity Lufkin, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-02-28, "I don't think I know anyone with kids in Cambridge who has not used one or another of the Community School programs at some point, whether for convenient and flexible after-school care, music lessons or other kinds of arts and cultural enrichment, or for athletic and exercise programs. The community schools do so much with so little, and add so much to the quality of life (and education) in Cambridge for everyone in the city, they should be getting more support rather than less."

Louis Cohen, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-02-29, "I volunteered in this program for 5 years and I know first-hand how important it was for the kids I worked with. If tough budget decisions need to be made, I'll gladly settle for a few extra pot-holes on the streets of Cambridge than see these programs cut in any way."

Pamela Curtis, Cambridge, MA, 02139-3961, USA, 2012-02-29, "The King school/Riverside neighborhood with the adjacent low income housing, Harvard graduate student community and senior housing is one of the city's neighborhoods which both NEEDS and USES the services of its community school. This program has a strong history as one of the most vibrant, and community focused program in Cambridge and is eminently worthy of the city's support. Please don't eliminate this vital neighborhood program. "

Clara Diebold, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-03-01, I used to work for the city and got a first-hand look at how important the community school programs are for kids. Cutting these programs in any way would be short-sighted. The long-term benefits for the kids they serve and the community as a whole are tremendous.

Cynthia Ingols, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-03-01. "The King Community School is important for our diverse community."

Phyllis Bretholtz, Cambridge, MA, 02139, USA, 2012-03-03, "Community: That is the reason I bought my house on Antrim Street - to be a part of a community. There are few things that can pull neighbors together and encourage them to get to know one another better than the programs at each of the community schools. Urban life can be so isolating that activities that bring neighbors and even members of the city-wide community together need to be supported. Please, please support the existence of each of the community schools and the creation of a new program for the Amigos School."

Toni 'Bee' Brooks, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-03-16, "It saddens me that unity within community is so easily placed on the chopping block. A vote to approve this line item CUT of the King/Amigos Community School along with its director seems to close the door on a healthy diverse unified community. It says no to colorful people, no to Children and community, no to low and middle income folks - this all equals no to close-knit neighborhoods. Choosing to disperse the King Community School and its Neighborhood Council is a savvy way to un-tie the longtime bonds built within the Riverside community. I pray for a few things - that I do not reap negative repercussions from displaying my opinion and that the community members this effects the most take the time out of their busy lives to let their voices be heard. If they do not speak up, my gut tells me - when a community school is deleted in one neighborhood, it makes it easier for the rest to follow."

Cecilia Stevens, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-03-29, "Don't fix it if it's not broken... "

Change.org Online Petition launched 2/12/12 – 124 signatories

Continue funding Longfellow Community School Director's full-time position.

Greetings,

I just signed the following petition addressed to: Robert Healy-Cambridge City Manager;
Cambridge City council.

Continue funding Longfellow Community School Director's full-time position.

The Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council have served the Longfellow community and all Cambridge residents for over 40 years with outstanding, popular, and innovative programming that met the varied needs of a wide spectrum of Cambridge residents. Children from Mid-Cambridge and all across the city come to the Longfellow Community School for music lessons. Families, adults, and seniors enjoy the wide offering of interesting programs, trips, and social events. The Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council just published an outstanding history of Mid-Cambridge entitled "From the Heart of Cambridge." No other similar history of a Cambridge neighborhood has ever been published. The Longfellow Community School is being pushed out of its home because the School Department is moving another school in to the Longfellow School for three years while a new building is constructed. Another school will take up temporary residence in the Longfellow school after that. Once all this shuffling of school programs is over, there will be no Community School or Neighborhood Council in the Longfellow neighborhood and a very large and active neighborhood will be left without a facility or a Community School Director to provide the programs they have enjoyed and supported for the last 40 years. Why should Mid-Cambridge be so deprived? Why should their favorite and popular programming stop for the next 6 to 9 years?

Sincerely,

Signatures and comments of 124 signers follow:

<u>Name,</u>	<u>City, State, Zip Code, Country,</u>	<u>Signed On</u>
1. Helen Snively,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
2. Amy Meltzer,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
3. Maria Sauzier,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
4. Carolyn Shipley,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
5. Peter Musliner,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
6. Nance goldstein,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12
7. Mark Jaquith,	Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02141, United States,	2012-02-12
8. J R, Buzet,	52420, Croatia,	2012-02-12

101. Cathryn Brower, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
102. Alison Woodman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
103. Yonghong Xiao, Belmont, Massachusetts, 02478, United States, 2012-02-26
104. Jeanne Petropoulos, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-26
105. Patricia martin, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
106. Francis Fox Spinks, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
107. Robert Ellsworth, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
108. Mary Alice Harrington, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
109. Hugh Russell, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
110. Martha Osler, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-26
111. Gus Rancatore, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26
112. Carol N. Weiss, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-27
113. Arnold Robbins, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-27
114. Deborah Valenze, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-27
115. Joel Altstein, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-27
116. Robert McCarthy, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-27
117. alison dittrich, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-27
118. Liz MacGillicuddy Lucas, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-27
119. jaqueth hutchinson, Cambridge Mass, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-27
120. Heather Cole, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-02-28
121. Stelios Moschapidakis, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02138, United States, 2012-02-29
122. Laura Zimmerman, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-01
123. Benita Shaw, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02139, United States, 2012-03-05
124. Shireen Jyawook, Cambridge, Massachusetts, 02140, United States, 2012-03-05

COMMENTS FROM SUPPORTERS

Name,	City, State, Zip, Country,	Signed On,	Comment
1.	Maria Sauzier, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12,	"The Longfellow Community Programs bring joy, learning opportunities and connectedness to children and adults in Mid-Cambridge. Closing or relocating would be a huge loss"
2.	Mark Jaquith, Cambridge, MA, 02141, United States,	2012-02-12,	Our Community Schools are one of the best things we do for our kids and our community.
3.	Sarah Heintz, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12,	"What Penny Kleespies has built should not be underestimated. Cambridge can certainly afford this, and if city manager doesn't fund it, I will work on his replacement!"
4.	Phyllis Bretholtz, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-12,	"The Longfellow Neighborhood Council has been at the heart of our community for many decades and we need it to continue to do its great work at keeping our neighborhood in touch, active, engaged and constantly building community."
5.	Robert Campbell, Cambridge, MA, 02139-1102, United States,	2012-02-13,	I've lived in the neighborhood for 42 years and the Longfellow Community School has always been a big plus.
6.	George Bossarte, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-13,	The Longfellow Neighborhood Council provides many wonderful programs for the neighborhood. Let's support the neighborhood.
7.	M. Wyllis Bibbins, Cambridge, MA, 02139 1122, United States,	2012-02-13,	Longfellow Community School is important for the continued neighborhood strength.
8.	Ramya Swaminathan, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-13,	The programs are an outstanding value to families - please keep them!
9.	Francis Donovan, Cambridge, MA, 02138, United States,	2012-02-13,	"The Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council has the best record of all councils in fulfilling the "community-building" role assigned to it by the Cambridge City Council. It must continue to be funded as a fully-functioning neighborhood council with a full-time director to continue providing its essential services to this neighborhood, particularly though the difficult upcoming transitional period."
10.	Paula Lovejoy, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-13,	"The Community School has made a huge contribution to our neighborhood over the years. Literally several hundred people participate in its programs every year! It is a wonderful, low-cost resource that improves our quality of life."
11.	Margaret McMahon, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-13,	The Council has done an outstanding job of community development and deserves to continue its programs for the benefit of our neighborhood.
12.	Patsy Baudoin, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-13,	The arts matter and Longfellow program helps everyone.
13.	claire silvers, Cambridge, MA, 02140, United States,	2012-02-14,	this is a consistently excellent & important program
14.	marie ariel, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States,	2012-02-14,	"During the years I've lived in this neighborhood (since 1974), the Longfellow Community School has been very important in furthering community cohesiveness, culture, and fun for all who live in the area. Please find a way to maintain the Council's space and Director. Thank you. "

15. Marla Erlien, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-14, "The Longfellow Community School offered the only affordable music lessons we could find. And the music program is absolutely indispensable. My daughter took lessons there for 14 years, with wonderful teachers and community recitals. The music program existed from when 500+ students attended the Longfellow School in the 1990s. There is no reason for the Community School to be displaced since it can serve the students who will be moved into the building next year.
16. Susan Lindsay Mello, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-15, "The Longfellow Community School and Penelope Kleespies are responsible for so many wonderful experiences and memories for my family, including recorder lessons, the Snow Park, Art in the Park, and the Longfellow ski trip. It's a wonderful neighborhood resource and is truly part of the fabric of the Longfellow neighborhood. I strongly urge the City Manager and the City Councillors to fund this vital position and support the Longfellow Neighborhood."
17. Victoria Harris, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-15, "My family has enjoyed a number of programs sponsored by the Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council, including art in the park, piano lessons, and annual ski trip. It is a City gem that has helped build community within the neighborhood, and Mid-Cambridge would lose an incredible resource if it were not continued."
18. Jen Deaderick, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-15, The Community School program is a vital and dynamic part of my daughter's school experience. All CPS students should continue to have full and site-specific access.
19. Virginia Hall, Cambridge, MA, 02141, United States, 2012-02-15, I believe these community school programs are a valuable addition to our schools.
20. Laura Indigo, Cambridge, MA, 02138, United States, 2012-02-16, Community Schools are a wonderful resource that we would be lost without. Please continue to fund this one.
21. Kifaya Abdurahman, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-16, 173 pleasant
22. Gabriel Lozano, Cambridge, MA, 02140, United States, 2012-02-17, This is money well spend and is one of the few reasons why Cambridge schools are still a good option...our kid enjoys more his 'after school' classes than his regular classes. Also they are affordable and help develop the social skills of our kids....
23. Penelope Kleespies, Cambridge, MA, 02138, United States, 2012-02-22, "This neighborhood is a very healthy one and the Longfellow Neighborhood Council and Community School had a great deal to do with maintaining those neighbor to neighbor connections through a period of great change. Years of change are still ahead of us as different school populations move through the Longfellow building. The LNC/CS will be, beyond all the other wonderful things it does, an agent of stability during this coming time."
24. Phillip Kleespies, Cambridge, MA, 02138, United States, 2012-02-22, "Neighborhoods are the building blocks of cities. Research has shown that, across socioeconomic levels, citizen involvement makes for safer and better neighborhoods. There can be little doubt that the Longfellow neighbors have been very involved in the care and betterment of the area where they live. Their neighborhood council has made many contributions to neighborhood community building. If these contributions are lost, it will be to the detriment of this area of the city. As a city, we should be supporting these contributions, not taking them away. I urge the Cambridge City Council and the city administration to recognize the great merits of this neighborhood council and continue to fund it with a full time director. "

25. Janet Axelrod, Cambridge, MA, 02138, United States, 2012-02-23, "The Longfellow program was the perfect musical match for my daughter, who thrived under the watchful eye of Penelope Kleespies and the wonderful teachers in her program. Please don't allow this wonderful, neighborhood program wither."
26. Alison Woodman, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-26, I strongly believe in the power of unified communities. One way to achieve these is through the schools. Let's not allow this resource to fade away.
27. Heather Cole, Cambridge, MA, 02139, United States, 2012-02-28, "The LNC is one of the things that has made our part of mid-Cambridge what it is. Its services -- and its spirit -- are not "optional" for us. Mustering and overseeing services are difficult enough from a temporary location. We need a full-time director to make this happen. No part-time director for a full-time job!"

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Date:

SUBJECT: Continue funding of Longfellow Community School Director's full-time position.

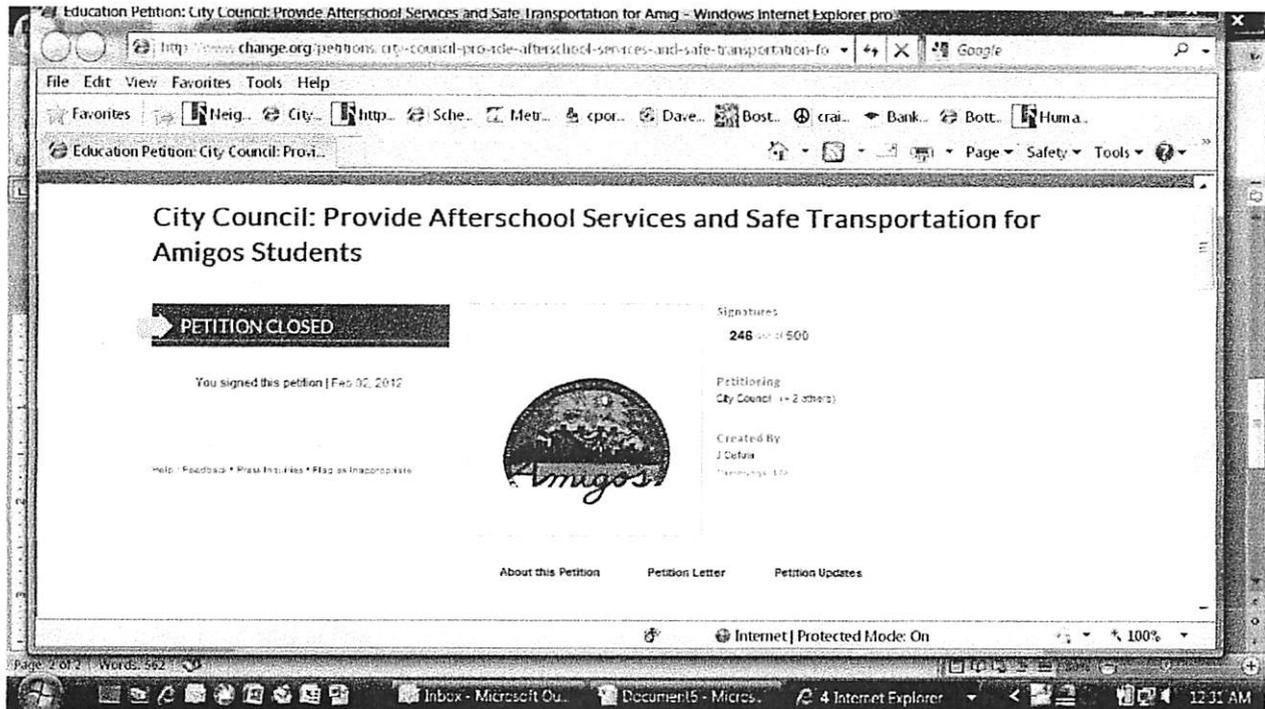
To: Robert Healy-Cambridge City Manager; Cambridge City council.

The Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council have served the Longfellow community and all Cambridge residents for over 40 years with outstanding, popular, and innovative programming that met the varied needs of a wide spectrum of Cambridge residents. Children from Mid-Cambridge and all across the city come to the Longfellow Community School for music lessons. Families, adults, and seniors enjoy the wide offering of interesting programs, trips, and social events. The Longfellow Community School and Neighborhood Council just published an outstanding history of Mid-Cambridge entitled "From the Heart of Cambridge." No other similar history of a Cambridge neighborhood has ever been published. The Longfellow Community School is being pushed out of its home because the School Department is moving another school in to the Longfellow School for three years while a new building is constructed. Another school will take up temporary residence in the Longfellow school after that. Once all this shuffling of school programs is over, there will be no Community School or Neighborhood Council in the Longfellow neighborhood and a very large and active neighborhood will be left without a facility or a Community School Director to provide the programs they have enjoyed and supported for the last 40 years. Why should Mid-Cambridge be so deprived? Why should their favorite and popular programming stop for the next 6 to 9 years?

Sincerely,

Name: *Paul McCann* *Jeff M. St.*

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Provide Afterschool and Safe Transportation for Amigos Students

Greetings,

We, parents, families, neighbors and friends of students of the Amigos School, request that resources be allocated to ensure that ALL public school students, including students at the Amigos School on Upton Street, have access to Community School and afterschool services.

The City of Cambridge pledges to provide Community School and afterschool services to all public school students:

“All Cambridge children and youth will have access to safe, stimulating, nurturing and healthful out of school time activities.” – The Agenda for Children

“During the school year, Cambridge Community Schools provides out of school time programming for children at every public elementary school in Cambridge...” - About the Community Schools

Afterschool services are necessary to recruit and retain students reflecting the diversity of the City, particularly those from lower income families. As part of the Innovation Agenda, the district made it a goal to recruit and retain more students from currently underrepresented groups. The Amigos School Council has adopted a goal to have 50% Spanish speaking/Bilingual students and 50% English-speaking students with each group reflecting the socioeconomic balance of the District.

Yet as of today no staff, resources, or other forms of support have been allocated to develop a Community School or any other afterschool service at the Amigos School. Furthermore, no resources have been allocated to provide safe transportation for Amigos students to access proximity Community Schools or afterschool programs, in particular 2 of the 4 city-sponsored full-time programs offered at the Morse and the Martin Luther King Jr. Schools.

In a recent survey where over 100 families responded representing over 150 Amigos students, more than 80% of Amigos families reported using Community School and afterschool services: 63% participate in Community School, 29% participate in Department of Human Service Programs full-time afterschool programs.

The vast majority of Amigos families, 77%, want afterschool services offered onsite at Amigos or in the neighborhood of Upton Street. There is very strong interest in developing high quality, Community School afterschool with full and part-time classes especially related to Arts, Sports and Music. There is also very strong interest in offering afterschool services in Spanish. We believe that such a Community School at Upton Street would offer a unique and attractive afterschool option not only for Amigos students but also for students across the City seeking exposure to and engagement in Spanish.

We also request that Amigos students are safely transported by bus to proximity afterschool services. 84% of Amigos families rely on afterschool services being at the school or accessible by school bus. It is therefore critical that safe bus transportation be provided to the nearest Community School and afterschool programs located at the Morse School and the Martin Luther King Jr. School when its renovations are complete.

Without such safe bus transportation, Amigos students will effectively be denied access to afterschool services at the Morse and King Schools, including half of the DHSP full-time afterschool programs, where nearly 1/3 of Amigos students currently attend.

We petition you to develop a Community School at Upton Street and fulfill the City's pledge to provide afterschool to ALL students, and specifically every elementary school in Cambridge. We also petition for Amigos students to have safe transportation and equal access to proximity Community School and afterschool programs, especially the full-time afterschool programs administered by the Dept of Human Service Programs.

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After school services for younger kids are a key way to build stronger schools. We know from the experience of 18 years in the Cambridge public school system. It is an important and proven way to improve the health and vigor of the overall system. There is no reason that the Amigos school should be deprived of this opportunity. Just plain common sense and good educational policy.

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The school community benefits greatly from a safe after school program.
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Mary Carolyn Shipley
2012 | 1 month ago

Because Community School Programs are the best out-of-school time program in the city and serve more children than any other afterschool program in the city and they serve adults, families and seniors as well.
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Josie Paterson
2012 | 1 month ago Like

Equal access to support services is critical to assuring that all Cambridge students can thrive in school. A strength of the CPS has been its progress during the past decade, to being a more fair and equitable school district - one that provides both choice and equity. I am hopeful the city will remedy the plan for the Amigos school and include an after school within the school building.
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Molly Olson 2 months ago Like

As a working single parent, I depend on good afterschool care for my daughter. Please support equitable afterschool opportunities. Thank you

Alysha Hearn 4 months ago Like

All schools should get quality afterschool care, all ages too, elementary and middle school students.

Elizabeth Lyster 2 months ago Like

We are working hard to fulfill our mandate to improve our socio-economic balance. Without access to quality full-time after school care we will not be a viable option for families who require full-time care. Even if we do not have on-site options to satisfy every need, there must be safe transportation to nearby programs that do. Thank you

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Susanne Swalley 2 months ago Like

We rely on afterschool programming. It is an impotent consideration for recruiting and retention of lower income families who cannot afford to hire nannies. It is not reasonable to expect 5 year olds to walk by themselves to other city programs such as the excellent programs at Morse, so at the very least a bus option should be provided.

Bertha Pantoja 2 months ago Like

In order to have a diverse group of students it is needed to have Afterschool services. As a working parent I depend on those services daily.

anne Strong Like

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anne Strong 2 months ago Like

we live nearby and need after-school programming opportunities!
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Dorothy Scally 3 months ago Like

I am a working parent and my son currently attends afterschool from 3 to 5:30 five days a week. I am extremely concerned about having a program at our new location.
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Jason Kaufman 2 months ago Like

My son attends the Amigos school and we, his parents, desperately need afterschool options for him. A program at the Upton Street school would be outstanding.
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Katie Starbuck-Bittker 2 months ago Like

My JK student and 1st grader will be in after school care next year and want an option at their school with their friends from Amigos. We will be very disappointed if there isn't an option at Upton St., and I worry that our school will be less appealing to low-income families in the lottery process.
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Chad Leith 2 months ago Like

I am a lifelong resident of Cambridge, a graduate of the CPS (CRLS '68), and now a CPS parent. After-school programming has been an essential part of our children's education at the Amigos school. We urge you to consider providing an after-school component to the design of the new Amigos school at Upton Street.
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Colleen Clark 2 months ago Like

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Colleen Clark about 1 month ago Like

I relied on afterschool programs for my children. A five-year granddaughter is lucky to live in Brookline with afterschool programs in all the elementary schools. Cambridge should get on board.

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Bethany Stevens 2 months ago Like

Afterschool options were just as important in my choice of a school as the school itself. As a working parent, a school without afterschool programming is not an option for me.

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Lewis Bryant 2 months ago Like

Because my son loves the after school program and has learned a lot from being a part of it. It also allows me and my wife to work and pick him up right afterwards. There is something very comforting about knowing your child is in good hands and having fun while learning at the same time. It's also a great program and well organized with many options.

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amy todd 2 months ago Like

My son has participated in Fletcher-Maynard, Fitzgerald and now Gately afterschool programs. I am very grateful to everyone who makes these programs affordable, accessible and successful. We "all" benefit from giving our city's children security and enrichment after school. Nobody should be excluded for want of transportation or other resources.

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The city has made this pledge to provide afterschool services to all students. If this is not planned for the Amigos school it would have great effect on recruiting the next generation of students and families.

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Vivian Poey Like
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In an economy that mostly requires all adults to work outside the home, it is imperative that after school options be available to all students, specially those who are least likely to afford alternative solutions

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Elizabeth Bohart Like
2 months ago

Both my children attend the after school program everyday of the week. It's essential for me because I work and need the kids to be in a safe fulfilling environment. It would be a travesty to me and many other families at amigos who rely on this service. if was not available.

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David Gibbs Like
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As a provider of after school services in Amigos' neighborhood, the Cambridge Community Center is very much in favor of seeing that all children in the City have access to high quality after school programs. We look forward to serving Amigos families for whom C.C.C is the right fit - but with over 300 Amigos students, no one program can provide ASP for every Amigos child who wants it. We look forward to working with Amigos, CPSD, and others to ensure the success of this effort!

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Laurie Rothstein 2 months ago Like

Solid After School programming and transportation are two areas where we can help counter the basic inequities that poverty creates for children seeking academic and life success

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Laurie Poklop 2 months ago Like

Both of my children attend the King Community School daily.

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Ben Brophy 2 months ago Like

This is important to all schools and is very important for keeping a socio-economic balance in the schools - it has the most effect on families that can't be available for 3:00 pick ups.

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Kathy Dalton 2 months ago Like

Without good on-site after school care Amigos will not be able to continue to attract a diverse group of families to our school. Working parents need quality after school care for our children

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Nina Gerassi 2 months ago Like

There are a number of shifts and unresolved issues regarding next school year. In particular Amigos students and parents are very concerned that some things will not be resolved in time. Afterschool services are extremely important for working parents as well as for students to create a sense of continuity. I understand that it may not be perfect but this issue cannot wait until the beginning of the school year and there should be something in place well in advance.

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Every child need services that will enhance their learning abilites Providing such program and services will be beneficial to the Amigos student population

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 **Carole Bellew**
2 months ago Like

I think it is important to provide afterschool services to this program as it is for others

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 **Julie Mott-Santiago**
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I'm a working parent. Accessible afterschool program is essential!!

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