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PLEASE ENTER THIS EMAIL AND ATTACHMENT INTO THE PERMANENT RECORD OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

THANK YOU,

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TO The Honorable, the City Council  
TO Mayor Henrietta Davis

Attached and pasted below are comments from signers of our petition to save all Community Schools and especially the Riverside community school and neighborhood council. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,  
Carolyn Shipley, Chair-Citywide Community School Council

Name, City, State, Zip, Country, Signed On, Comment  
Gordon Fellman, Cambridge,MA,02138,United States,2012-02-24, Our kids get SO MUCH from Community School. Please do not deprive them of their learning and joy.  
bethany versoy, cambridge,MA,02138,United States,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,United States,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,United States,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,United States,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, and 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."

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

Lisa McManus, Cambridge, MA,02140,United States,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,United States,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,United States,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,United States,2012-02-27, Our community schools are a valuable complement to our children's academic education.

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

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