

Winter Hill Community Innovation School Resolution

WHEREAS, the Somerville Public Schools closed the Winter Hill Community Innovation School (“Winter Hill School”) on June 2nd, 2023 so that structural engineers could conduct a more thorough review of the building after an incident of falling concrete; and

WHEREAS, a complete structural engineering report on the status of the Winter Hill School has not yet been completed, and it is not yet known what repairs must be conducted to allow students and staff to safely reoccupy the building nor how long and how much money these repairs will take; and

WHEREAS, the Winter Hill School community has made clear the importance of reuniting and staying united in the 2023-2024 School year and beyond; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville School Committee is committed to keeping the Winter Hill School community whole; and

WHEREAS, the Somerville School Committee cannot wait for the structural engineering report to begin planning for the 2023-2024 school year in order to keep their commitment to the community of the Winter Hill School; and

WHEREAS, the City of Somerville is finalizing its FY24 budget, and standing the Winter Hill School up for success in a unified location will require investments not yet in place;

NOW THEREFORE; be it

RESOLVED, that the Somerville School Committee directs the Superintendent of the Somerville Public Schools to make every reasonable effort to relocate the students and staff of the Winter Hill School to a single, new location for the 2023-24 school year, notifying families of this location by July 15th, 2023; AND FURTHER

RESOLVED, that the Somerville School Committee requests whatever funds necessary be added to the City of Somerville’s FY24 budget or appropriated from an existing stabilization fund to secure and prepare adequate building space for the community (including the relocation, if necessary, of any services or personnel dislocated to make room for the Winter Hill School) as well as to transport students, if necessary, to and from their new location.

VOTE: 7-Yes – Ackman, Pitone, Phillips, Dion, Barish, Krepchin and Green

ABSENT: Ballantyne and Ewen-Campen

DATE: June 12, 2023

By: The Somerville School Committee