

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE 2023-24 WINTER HILL EIGHTH GRADE'S  
WORK AND REQUESTS**

**WHEREAS**, the 2023-2024 Winter Hill Eighth Grade, as representatives of the student body, did awe-inspiring work collecting meaningful data from both the Brown and Winter Hill Communities regarding their hopes and concerns over the future of their buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, they voiced important requests regarding their involvement in key decision-making processes and future developments at their school; and

**WHEREAS**, fostering a collaborative environment between the school building committee and the Wildcats is essential for ensuring that the voices of current and future students are heard; and

**WHEREAS**, continuing to engage each year's Winter Hill eighth graders in meaningful dialogue about upcoming decisions will empower them to gather input from younger students, enhancing their sense of ownership in their school community as well giving decision makers much needed community feedback; and

**WHEREAS**, the demolition of 115 Sycamore Street presents a unique opportunity for catharsis and closure for the Wildcats, allowing them to participate in a symbolic act of moving forward; and

**WHEREAS**, ensuring that younger and future Wildcats have access to adequate recess activities and play materials is critical for their development and overall school experience; and

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Somerville School Committee thanks the 2023-2024 Winter Hill eighth grade for their hard work, resilience and leadership; and

Be it Further Resolved that the Somerville School Committee supports their requests to:

1. Involve the Wildcats in major decision-making moments of the School Building Committee, ensuring that their insights and opinions are valued and considered.
2. Establish regular communication with next year's eighth graders regarding upcoming decisions, facilitating opportunities for them to survey younger grades.
3. Invite current Wildcats as well as WHCIS alums to participate in the demolition of 115 Sycamore Street, fostering a sense of closure and connection to their school history.
4. Prioritize the acquisition of recess activities and play materials for younger and future Wildcats, ensuring they enjoy a fulfilling school experience.
5. Involve past, present, and future, Wildcats, in the groundbreaking and ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the new Winter Hill, celebrating their contributions and marking a significant moment in their educational journey.

**RESOLVED**, a copy of this resolution be shared with each of the 2023-2024 eighth graders and a framed copy shared with the Winter Hill Community; and

**RESOLVED**, Copies of this resolution and the 2023-2024 Eighth Grade report be shared with the Mayor, the School Building Committee, and the Mayor's Community Advisory Group.

Voted: Unanimously

Date: October 7, 2024

By: Somerville School Committee