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AGENDA #8

The Standing Committee on TEACHING, LEARNING AND STUDENT SUPPORTS will hold a virtual and/or in-person meeting:

on: September 12, 2023
at: 5:00 p.m.
in: Room 410, Durkin Administration Building or online at the link [HERE](https://worcesterschools.zoom.us/j/85472166668?pwd=anJDWkE4b0tJZ2ISNzFoR3pBYzcxQT09) or below:
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ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. GENERAL BUSINESS

2-61.1 Mailman/Clancey/Johnson/Kamara/McCullough/Novick
(February 7, 2022)

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(October 26, 2022)

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IV. ADJOURNMENT

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PRIOR ACTION:

2-17-22 - On a roll call of 7-0, the item was referred to the Standing Committees on Teaching, Learning and Student Supports and Finance and Operations.

BACKUP:

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MAKER: McCullough (October 26, 2022)

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PRIOR ACTION:

2/14/23 The Administration requested additional time to research the item. On a roll call of 3-0, the motion to hold was approved.

5/5/23 The Administration gave a response to the item.

BACKUP:

Annex A contains a response from Administration.



Administrator: Dr. Marie Morse
Department: Assistant Superintendent
Date: May 5, 2023
Item: gb 2-292.2 McCullough
(October 26, 2022)
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Response:

Drivers' Education Prices:

Central Mass Safety Council	\$959
Wachusett Regional Drivers' Education	\$750
Best Driving School	\$875

Programs are cost only.

Ellen Kelley met with the Director of Girls' Club and they offer Drivers' Ed classes during school vacations at the cost of the drivers' education program. The Girls' Club gave the Worcester Public Schools' 5 free slots for April vacation and 5 free slots for this coming summer program.

Emily Lehman, Director of Innovation Pathway Program, applied for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds to subsidize drivers' education for students from low income families next school year. We have not received word on whether we have been approved at this time.

We are looking at the possibility of being able to host a class taught at our school(s) by a teacher through AAA. This was done pre-pandemic by a teacher at Worcester Technical High School, but has not resumed.

Night Life with Ruth Seward does rent space to AAA for drivers' education, but it's not subsidized.