OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY, BAKER, BREADON, COLETTA, FERNANDES ANDERSON, LARA, LOUIJEUNE, MEJIA, WORRELL, FLYNN, ARROYO AND FLAHERTY



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

AN ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE PUBLIC SAFETY CONCERNS SURROUNDING A 32 YEAR OLD WOMAN ENROLLED IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

- *WHEREAS,* The Boston Public Schools allowed a 32 year old woman to enroll in three different schools, under three different names. This woman was a student at Burke High School since October of 2022 and enrolled at English High and Brighton High near the end of the school year; *and*
- *WHEREAS,* There are concerns around what documentation the adults, who posed as her foster parents, were allowed to use to register the woman for school. This is a case of extreme fraud, and the School Department will investigate where the breakdown in their system was that allowed an adult to enroll in Boston Public Schools without proper documentation; *and*,
- *WHEREAS*, The police report showed that this case was first assigned to the Human Trafficking Unit of the Boston Police and may have been moved to the Crimes Against Children Unit as more information has been uncovered. The Internal Boston Police Report, information from the Department of Children and Families (DCF), and any other information, will help us piece together the many questions surrounding this incident; *and*
- *WHEREAS*, This hearing calls for a full investigation by the appropriate authorities into whether any Boston Public School students have been harmed in any way; whether other adults aided the woman's fraudulent enrollment at three high schools and what their involvement entailed; and what was the intent of this woman and the adults who posed as her foster parents; *AND NOW THEREFORE BE IT*
- **ORDERED,** That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to address these concerns. Representatives from the Mayor's office, Boston Public Schools, Boston Police and other interested parties shall be invited to attend. In addition, members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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