

City of Boston
In City Council

Hearing Regarding Continued Water Infiltration at the Agassiz

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WHEREAS: despite capital investments in the Agassiz Middle School over the last two decades, the problem of water infiltration and air quality continue to be a problem; and

WHEREAS: the School Department has invested \$900,000 over the last two fiscal years to replace all windows; and

WHEREAS: during discussion of the replacement of the windows, concern was expressed that the water coming into the gymnasium was not a result of loose windows; and

WHEREAS: a consultant was hired who recommended that the outside paneling on the gym side of the building should be replaced; and

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WHEREAS: a representative of BPS stated at a hearing on the BPS capital budget on Monday, May 10th that no money would be invested in the replacement of the panels until another study was done; and

WHEREAS: personnel at the Agassiz school have reported that while all the windows have been replaced, water continues to come into the gymnasium after its rains; and

WHEREAS: the Council needs to investigate why last year's commitment to end water infiltration at the Agassiz is being delayed for at least another year; Therefore, Be It

ORDERED: that the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing at the Agassiz School as soon as possible to determine why the Public Facilities Department and the Boston School Department are not honoring its commitment to replace the outside paneling during fiscal '11.