

**Malden School Committee Resolution in Support of a Financial Management Review of
the City of Malden**

WHEREAS, the Malden School Committee affirms that transparency, accountability, and responsible stewardship of public funds are essential to effective governance; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Malden have a right to understand how their tax dollars are allocated and expended across all municipal departments, including the public schools; and

WHEREAS, the City Council adopted an order requesting that the Mayor apply to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, Division of Local Services' Financial Management Resource Bureau for a comprehensive Financial Management Review; and

WHEREAS, such a review would provide an independent and professional evaluation of municipal operations, financial practices, and organizational efficiency; and

WHEREAS, the Malden Public Schools represent a significant portion of the City's budget and play a critical role in the community, making financial transparency in this area especially important;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Malden School Committee hereby expresses its full support for the proposed order to seek a Financial Management Review of the City of Malden; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Committee strongly encourages that the scope of this review include all municipal finances, including those allocated to and within the Malden Public Schools; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Committee looks forward to reviewing the findings of the Financial Management Resource Bureau upon completion and working collaboratively with City leadership to implement any recommendations that improve transparency, efficiency, and service to the residents of Malden and the students of the Malden Public Schools.