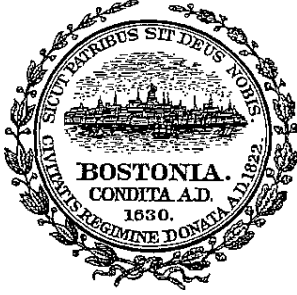


OFFERED BY COUNCILORS ERIN MURPHY, LIZ BREADON, BENJAMIN WEBER,
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CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FOUR

ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS THE NEED THAT ALL OUR
YOUNGEST CHILDREN IN THE UNIVERSAL PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM
ARE RECEIVING THEIR SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

WHEREAS, In Boston, we have Universal Pre-Kindergarten (UPK), a program that is funded by the City of Boston and promises to deliver on high-quality choices that are free of cost to Boston's three and four year old children. UPK is a 6.5-hour school day for 180 days per year; **and**

WHEREAS, Boston UPK increases the number of seats available to both 3- and 4-year-olds at community-based providers, by offering up to 992 seats at community providers, with up to 627 seats for 4-year-olds and up to 365 seats for 3-year-olds; **and**

WHEREAS, UPK also encompasses an additional 2,556 K1 seats in BPS for 4-year-olds without disabilities and 880 K0/K1 seats for 3 and 4-year-olds with disabilities; **and**

WHEREAS, Many three and four year olds are identified as having a special need and are already connected with Early Intervention services before entering the UPK program. Some children are not identified and may be placed in a setting that is not able to meet their special need; **NOW, THEREFORE BE IT**

ORDERED: That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council hold a hearing to discuss the importance of making sure all our youngest children are identified early on, and are receiving the appropriate special education services. Representatives from the Mayor's office, and other interested parties, shall be invited to attend.

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