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**CITY OF BOSTON** *Zakim, Wu Dressley*  
**FOR CITY COUNCIL**



**ORDER FOR A HEARING TO DISCUSS BOSTON PUBLIC  
SCHOOLS' STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS**

WHEREAS, The Boston Public Schools (BPS) implemented a new student assignment system in SY13/14 eliminating the old three-zone system of school assignment, and replacing the old system with a new "home-based" system;

WHEREAS, The duly adopted recommendations by Superintendent Carol Johnson's in her February 27th, 2013 Final Letter of Recommendation to the External Advisory Committee (EAC) and the Boston School Committee charges BPS to provide an annual report on or before October 1 of each year to the City Council;

WHEREAS, According to the letter, such an annual report is charged with measuring "changes in equitable access to quality seats for all students, as well as changes to school academic performance and overall quality";

WHEREAS, Such an annual report will "include data and analysis outlining the impact of the new student assignment system on all student populations (including students eligible for free/reduced meals, students with disabilities, and English Language Learners, and also by race/ethnicity and geography)";

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED,  
That the appropriate committee of the Boston City Council holds a hearing to discuss BPS's Student Assignment Process. Those invited to provide perspective will include representatives from the Boston Public Schools, External Advisory Committee, and the Boston School Committee, along with other interested parties.