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*Note:* ***\****Supporting documents may be found on the CAN website at [CambridgeCan.org](http://cambridgecan.org/) and the DCPS Board Docs website at <https://go.boarddocs.com/mabe/dcps/Board.nsf/Public>. The meeting is available for viewing on Town Hall Streams at <https://townhallstreams.com/towns/dorchesterboe>.

# 1. Open/Work Session, 3:00 p.m.

# Alternative Programming. \* The Board discussed the current alternative education program for students with emotional and behavioral needs as well as future options for such programming. The goal is to create a tiered approach that is efficient, effective, and fiscally responsible. Currently DCPS utilizes its New Directions Learning Academy (NDLA) as the alternative program at the secondary level but has no comparable facility for the elementary level. The Therapeutic Support Program (TSP) provides an intervention provided by a contracted vendor funded since 2019 through a grant provision of the Blueprint legislation. Options going forward include (i) continuing with the current programming structure, (ii) creating a reduced regional program and adding an elementary level NDLA, and (iii) creating an in-school alternative intervention at all schools and adding an elementary level NDLA. Costs and benefits of each option were discussed.

# 1.02  Mindfulness Classroom Data. \* The Mindful Moments Room is an in-school program for students and staff that integrates mindfulness into the school day and provides a space for students who need to calm down and regain control of their emotions. Due to staffing issues, not all schools have data to report. Secondary schools may be an outlier/not enough schools reporting to fully compare. The reporting elementary schools with higher levels of utilization for mindfulness have lower rates of suspension

# 1.03 Data Update - Beginning of the Year iReady Math and Lexia Reading – Local. \* Students begin the year performing below grade level because they have not yet been exposed to instruction for their new, current grade level.

# 1.04 Data Update -Local, State, and National Government Knowledge. \* For Spring of 2022, 38% CSD 10th grade students and 81% of NDHS 10th grade students performed at the proficient level.

# 1.05 Weapons Detection Systems (WDSs) for HS Stadiums. It appears that the WDSs purchased may not be moved as easily for stadium use as was previously believed. The Board reviewed a proposal for stadium WDSs at CSD and NDHS.

# 1.06 Sick Bank/Sick Leave Employee Donation System (SLEDS) Clarification. \* The Board received a description of the program.

# 1.07 DCPS Committees. Board members received a list of DCPS committees as requested.

# 1.08 Emergency Approvals. The Board discussed emergency approval procedures.

# 1.09 AVID National Conference – To be held December 8-10, 2022.

# 1.10 Administrative Function/Work Session. The Board discussed times for future work session.

# 2. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.