



City of New Bedford

IN COMMITTEE

March 8, 2018

The Honorable City Council
133 William Street
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Thursday, February 15, 2018, considered a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Carney, requesting immediate action be taken at the Keith Middle School, due to the dozens of complaints from parents and teachers about the on-going problems with students, calling the school out-of-control, disrespecting faculty and fellow students, not following directions and even unbecoming actions; and further, requesting a second Resource Officer be placed at the school until the school is brought under control, along with periodic walking patrols by New Bedford Police Department Gang Squad or any other public safety resource that is available throughout the day; further, that any Member of the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods be allowed at a moment's notice to enter the school for a valuation of their own; furthermore, that the Superintendent Pia Durkin meet with the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to discuss these on-going issues of public safety in our public school system. (Ref'd 3/10/16) (5/19/16-tabled)

On motion by Councillor Rebeiro and seconded by Councillor Lima, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on a WRITTEN MOTION, Councillors Gomes and Carney, requesting immediate action be taken at the Keith Middle School, due to the dozens of complaints from parents and teachers about the on-going problems with students, calling the school out-of-control, disrespecting faculty and fellow students, not following directions and even unbecoming actions; and further, requesting a second Resource Officer be placed at the school until the school is brought under control, along with periodic walking patrols by New Bedford Police Department Gang Squad or any other public safety resource that is available throughout the day; further, that any Member of the City Council's Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods be allowed at a moment's notice to enter the school for a valuation of their own; furthermore, that the Superintendent Pia Durkin meet with the Committee on Public Safety and Neighborhoods to discuss these on-going issues of public safety in our public school system. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &
NEIGHBORHOODS

Brian K. Gomes

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb



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CITY COUNCIL

March 10, 2016

WRITTEN MOTION

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Brian K. Gomes, Councillor at Large

Naomi R.A. Carney, Councillor at Large