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Honorable City Council
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Councillors:

I respectfully submit a docket item to your Honorable Council requesting authorization to provide a supplemental appropriation to the Newton Public Schools in the amount of \$538,589 which is equal to reimbursements that the City has received to the General Fund from the Massachusetts COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave.

On May 28, 2021, Massachusetts Governor Charlie Baker signed into law an act requiring eligible Massachusetts employers to provide emergency paid sick leave to employees who were unable to work for COVID-19-related reasons. The act required an employer to provide an employee with up to forty hours of paid leave, a maximum benefit of \$850 per week, reimbursable to the employer from the Commonwealth's COVID-19 Emergency Paid Sick Leave Fund.

The City was reimbursed a total of \$643,635.57; \$105,046.57 for municipal departments and \$538,589 for NPS. This supplemental appropriation will enable NPS to cover costs incurred for substitute teachers and staff.

The Newton Public Schools had anticipated this supplemental appropriation and had already included it in the FY 2023 Budget, which is going into effect on July 1, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

Ruthanne Fuller
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