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--IN SCHOOL COMMITTEE--

February 6, 2018

ORDERED:

Whereas there have been discussions for a number of months on the question of internal transfers to the Chinese Immersion program at the Martin Luther King Jr. School prior to the grade 3 merged model of immersion pathway, due to the educational rationale of early exposure, and

Whereas the current policy already has an exception for immersion programs, which does not apply to the CI program since it is a merged pathway starting in grade 3, and

Whereas the district seeks to support the success of the immersion pathway through fifth grade by maintaining a full classroom cohort; and

Whereas the language acquisition of Chinese, according to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language, requires much longer exposure than other CPS immersion languages (Spanish and Portuguese) for achieving proficiency,

Therefore the district will allow a onetime internal transfer in grade 2 irrespective of SES status from Ni Hao to CI as soon as the school can process requests. And further, that during the annual review of our current controlled choice plan this issue will be reviewed (second reading)

A true copy:

Attest: 
Dosha E. Beard

Executive Secretary to the School Committee

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