

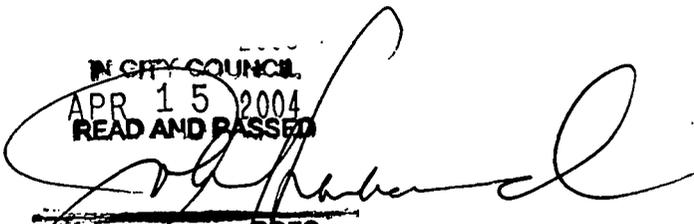
THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 151

Approved April 26, 2004

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes to Edward J. Lynch, Jr. for a complete and speedy recovery.

IN CITY COUNCIL
APR 15 2004
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK (26)

APPROVED

MAYOR 4/26/04

Council President Lombardi, Councilman Allen, Aponte, Butler, Medica,
Councilman DiGuzze, Councilman Bassett, Sgluzgi, Jackson, Luna, Marra,
Councilman Thomas, Councilman Lopez, Councilman...

DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK



Michael R. Clement
City Clerk

Claire E. Bestwick
First Deputy

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CITY HALL

Anna M. Stetson
Second Deputy

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 4/16/04

Time: 2:40

Council Person Lombardi & full Council

By Request
Not By Request

Summary: Speedy Recovery for
Ed Lynch
Edward S. Lynch, Jr

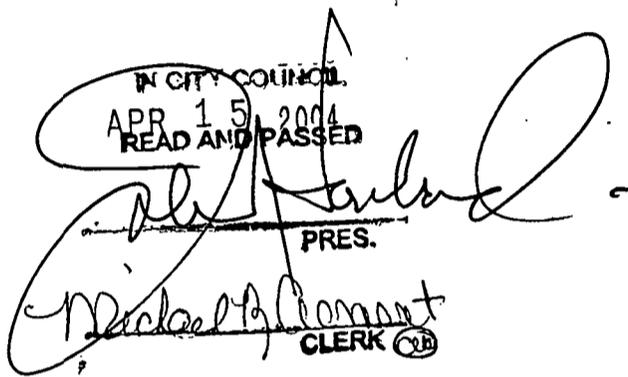
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RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 152

Approved April 26, 2004

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes to Anthony D'Angelis, Principal of Vartan Gregorian Elementary School, for a complete and speedy recovery.

IN CITY COUNCIL
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READ AND PASSED

PRES.
Michael A. Lombardi
CLERK

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MAYOR 4/26/04

Council President Lombardi

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RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES REQUESTED

Date: 3/30/04

Time: 11:20

Council Person Lombardi

By Request
Not By Request

Summary:

Prepare resolution for best wishes for a
speedy recovery for Anthony D'Angelis, principal
of Vartan Gregorian (See attached)

Taken By: Yvonne dropped off

DAVID N. CICILLINE
Mayor

Melody A. Johnson, Ph.D.
Superintendent

Providence Schools

OUR SCHOOLS. OUR FUTURE.

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

March 26, 2004

Dear Council Members:

Another busy spring week. We finished state required testing for another year, so people are generally feeling upbeat on this sunny day.

This week we held two negotiation sessions, one with 1033 and one with PTU on school reform. We discussed some of the things that are essential to consider if we are to improve student achievement. The constraints of the budget, the imperative for co-sharing of health care premiums, and the pressures of federal accountability are looming large. It makes selling reform initiatives very challenging and in this climate. We are both making a very good faith effort, despite this however.

We continue to have problematic issues at Perry Middle School due to tensions revolving around the state intervention requirements. Unfortunately, due to the fact the principal has gone out on long-term illness, we have been unable to resolve the issues. In the mean time, I have named assistant principal, Bob Palumbo, to the acting principal role and a very strong teacher, Lenny Kiernan, to act in Mr. Palumbo's place. He is also a certified administrator. I think these two moves will bring some stability and move us in a more positive direction. The central staff has been working very closely with the union leadership to ensure that they have maximum support. I am confident we will quickly resolve all outstanding issues.

The most exciting work this week took place on Wednesday. We had 126 teachers sign up to begin the work of revising the Scope & Sequence and developing a series of interim assessments that we will use beginning in September. As you may be aware, the State has revised the standards and we will be measured on new standards using a new assessment beginning next spring. Instead of the New Standards, we will now be using RI Grade Level Expectations (GLE). For the system, this change will involve hundreds of hours of work and not insignificant expense. The good news is that RI will finally have a very sound standards and testing system in place. The other great news is that our teachers have really embraced a leadership role and welcomed the opportunity to craft the new documents. All 126 of them will meet all day this Saturday at Springfield Middle School along with our central leadership.

On Thursday morning I met with Gary Sasse from RIPEC to discuss the two pieces of pending legislation that will impact school funding in our state. He had some very good insights and we will be moving forward on them

The worst news of the week was Anthony D'Angelis, principal of Vartan Gregorian, who was involved in a very serious car accident Wednesday evening. He underwent surgery at RI Hospital for several hours yesterday, but is doing well. Most of the injury was sustained in his head and upper body. His face required 1,000 stitches and extensive plastic surgery. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers. Eileen Koshgarian is substituting for him in the interim.

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Ms. Mercedes Torres, principal of Cornel Young Elementary will also be out for a short period of time beginning next Thursday. Mr. DiPippo will be substituting for her.

Enjoy your weekend. I encourage you to come by the Art Club, Maxwell Gallery, on Sunday from 2:00 – 4:00 if you are out and about and see some of the wonderful work of some of our students.

Best,
Melody

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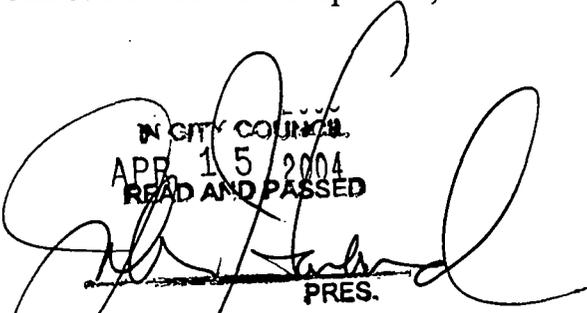
MISSION: Students of all ages in the diverse cultural mosaic of the Providence Community will be enthusiastic, life-long learners, workers and citizens, each with marketable skills achieved relative to his or her ability. These outcomes will manifest themselves in a nurturing environment driven by excellence in educational opportunity.

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 153

Approved April 26, 2004

RESOLVED, That the Members of the Providence City Council
hereby Extend Sincere Best Wishes for a Happy Birthday to Council President
John J. Lombardi on April 30, 2004.

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APR 15 2004
READ AND PASSED

PRES.

CLERK

APPROVED

MAYOR 4/26/04

Councilman Allen, Spott, Butler & DeLuca, Councilwoman Rizzo, Councilman Hesselt,
Cuzzo, Jackson, Luna, Mancini, Councilwoman Pomeroy, Councilman Segal,
Councilwoman Williams & Young