

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 435

Approved October 25, 2017

WHEREAS, Earlier this year, three students at Harry Kizirian Elementary School reported that they had been inappropriately touched by a teacher; and

WHEREAS, However, school officials failed to notify the Department of Children Youth & Families (DCYF) about the allegations within 24 hours, as required by State law; and

WHEREAS, While appropriate policies and protocols for DCYF notification were in place, they were not properly followed, leading the Providence Public School Department (PPSD) to have representatives from DCYF retrain PPSD employees on how to handle such situations; and

WHEREAS, Recreation Department employees interact with Providence's children on a daily basis, serving as role models, mentors, and trusted authority figures to the young people of Providence; and

WHEREAS, Given how closely Recreation Department employees work with children, it is imperative that they understand and are properly trained in the policies and protocols surrounding sexual assault, child abuse, and proper reporting of alleged crimes against children.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That, in an abundance of caution, the City Council of the City of Providence does hereby respectfully request that Recreation Department employees undergo training on sexual assault, child abuse, and proper reporting of alleged crimes against children from the Rhode Island Department of Children, Youth, & Families; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That, upon passage, copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Recreation Department and the Mayor.

IN CITY COUNCIL

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READ AND PASSED

Sabrina Mateo

ACTING PRES.

Lori D'Agostino

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I HEREBY APPROVE.

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Mayor
Date: 10/25/17