



Education Committee - Board of Representatives

Megan Cottrell, Chair

Ramya Shaw, Vice Chair

Committee Report

Date: Monday, November 4, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: This meeting was held remotely.

The Education Committee met as indicated above. In attendance were Chair Cottrell, Vice Chair Shaw, and Committee Member Reps. Strain and Weinberg. Also in attendance were Tamu Lucero, Superintendent for SPS and Lori Rhodes, Associate Superintendent for High School. Absent or excused were Reps. Mays and Pierre-Louis.

Chair Cottrell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Item No.	Description	Committee Action
1. E31.039	REVIEW; Update on the implementation of PA 22-118 SS84 Regarding the Provision of Free Menstrual Products in Schools. (please also refer to E31.012 for history). 10/10/2024 – Submitted by Reps. Cottrell and Pollack	Report Made

Associate Superintendent Rhodes provided an overview for menstrual equity in Connecticut Public Schools:

- In 2023, the Connecticut General Assembly passed updated legislation requiring public schools to supply a range of menstrual products in school restrooms.
- The intention of the law is to address period poverty – the lack of access to:
 - Menstrual products.
 - Menstrual health education.
 - Hygiene management.
 - Waste facilities.
- The law encompasses elementary, middle, and high schools.
- Between 2019 - 2021, period poverty among Connecticut teens ages 13 - 19 increased from 20% to 23%.
- More than a third of Connecticut parents worry about their ability to afford period products.
- The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) does not cover menstrual supplies.
- Nearly 1 in 5 American students have missed school due to a lack of period protection.
- The new law effective September 1, 2024, requires Connecticut Public Schools to provide free access to a selection of menstrual products in each building.

- Implementation costs:
 - 115 dispensers purchased.
 - \$43,596.90 total cost.
 - \$10,964.15 spent on products to date (August - November 2024).
 - Estimated yearly cost is \$30,000.
 - 100 hours to install.

Report made.

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| 2. E31.040 | APPROVAL; of 1st amendment between the City of Stamford and RRA-Stamford Contract for RFP 833 Architectural Engineering Services Restroom Renovation at Davenport.
09/27/24 – Submitted by Mayor Simmons
10/10/24 – Failed by Board of Finance | No Action
Taken |
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Item 2 was not discussed due to the item failing at the Board of Finance.

Chair Cottrell adjourned the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Megan Cottrell, Chair

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