



ORDER NO. 2021-067
REQUEST OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

UPON THE REQUEST OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, THE CITY OF FRAMINGHAM, THROUGH THE FRAMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL, IT IS SO ORDERED:

**Resolution Thanking and Recognizing Framingham's Community Partners
for Food Security**

WHEREAS, The United Nations Committee on World Food Security has defined a person as "food secure" when they have the physical, social, and economic access to sufficient, safe, and nutritious food that meets their dietary needs and food preferences for an active and healthy life;

WHEREAS, Framingham understands that without food security, including availability, access, utilization, and stability, students are not ready and able to learn;

WHEREAS, Students and families in the Framingham Public Schools have experienced tremendous hardship including food insecurity as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic;

WHEREAS, Framingham has forged strong relationships within and among community-based organizations along with the Framingham interfaith community;

WHEREAS, Framingham's community partners are committed to ensuring food security for families;

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic Framingham Public Schools food service staff have ensured that meals are available each day to our students, distributing over 329,712 meals to date; and

WHEREAS, Framingham's interfaith partners and community-based organizations continue to expand existing food access programs, create new programs to meet the growing food insecurity need, collaborate to expand the community safety net, and facilitate volunteer-led food and toiletry donation and distribution efforts;

City of Framingham

The City Council of Framingham



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor, Framingham City Council, Framingham School Committee, and Superintendent recognize and honors the work and contributions made by the Greater Framingham Community Church; The Plymouth Church; Trinitarian Congregational Church; Foundation for MetroWest; Stop and Shop; Faith Community Church; Wahoo Boots on the Ground; Daniel's Table; YMCA; A Place to Turn; Discovering Hidden Gems; The Salvation Army; BRACE; Feed Framingham; SMOC; Jewish Family Services; Islamic Center of Boston and Wayland; Faith in Food; Salvation Army; Hope Food Pantry; St. Bridget's; Sudbury Foundation; Metrowest Health Foundation; Middlesex Savings Bank Charitable Foundation; the United Way of Tri-County; Casa Trabajadores; Pelham Learning Center; MetroWest Nonprofit Network; Framingham Department of Public Health; and the Framingham Public Schools Office of Food Services, and Office of Equity, Diversity & Community Development and all of the countless community volunteers; and proclaims that all of these organizations and individuals have been critical community partners in helping to ensure food security for our school community.

YEAS: Bryant, Cannon, Case, King, Leombruno, Long, Ottaviani, Shepard, Stefanini, Steiner, Stewart-Morales
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: All members were present via teleconferencing
PASSED IN COUNCIL: MAY 18, 2021

A True Record, Attest:

5/21/2021
Date Approved

Lisa A. Ferguson
Lisa A. Ferguson, City Clerk
Emily Butler, Assistant City Clerk

6/2/2021
Date Approved

Yvonne M. Spicer
Yvonne M. Spicer, Mayor