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The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Marjorie C. Decker

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act to mandate recess for elementary school children.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
Marjorie C. Decker	25th Middlesex	1/19/2017
Mike Connolly	26th Middlesex	1/31/2017
Sal N. DiDomenico	Middlesex and Suffolk	2/3/2017
Michelle M. DuBois	10th Plymouth	1/31/2017
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester	2/1/2017
Patricia D. Jehlen	Second Middlesex	2/3/2017
Jack Lewis	7th Middlesex	2/2/2017
Barbara A. L'Italien	Second Essex and Middlesex	2/2/2017
Chris Walsh	6th Middlesex	2/3/2017

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By Ms. Decker of Cambridge, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 235) of Marjorie C. Decker and others for legislation to mandate recess for elementary school children. Education.

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In the One Hundred and Ninetieth General Court
(2017-2018)

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An Act to mandate recess for elementary school children.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1   Section 1G of Chapter 69 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting at the end

2   thereof the following subsection:-

3   (1) All children in grades kindergarten through five attending public schools shall receive

4   one hundred minutes of supervised, safe, and unstructured free-play recess each week so that

5   there are at least twenty consecutive minutes of free-play recess per day. As used herein, the term

6   "free play" means an unstructured environment, but which is supervised by appropriate school

7   personnel or staff. Regulations promulgated by the department may not exclude recess from

8   structured learning time requirements for elementary school children and may not increase the

9   total number of hours required in the school year to meet the provisions of this subsection.