

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 480**

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

***Paul K. Frost***

*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 providing for mandatory recess time in elementary schools.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:	DATE ADDED:
<i>Paul K. Frost</i>	<i>7th Worcester</i>	<i>1/20/2023</i>

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By Representative Frost of Auburn, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 480) of Paul K. Frost relative to mandatory recess time in elementary schools. Education.

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[SIMILAR MATTER FILED IN PREVIOUS SESSION  
SEE HOUSE, NO. 590 OF 2021-2022.]

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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**In the One Hundred and Ninety-Third General Court  
(2023-2024)**  
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An Act providing for mandatory recess time in elementary schools.

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

1 Chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section 4A, as  
2 appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, the following section:-

3 Section 4B. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, no public  
4 elementary school shall decrease the amount of time it allots and provides to students as recess  
5 time designed to allow students to participate in physical and social activities as a result of any  
6 changes in standards or curriculum that the school is required to or chooses to adopt. For  
7 purposes of this section, “elementary school” shall mean a school providing instruction to grades  
8 1 through 5, and, where so designated by a school committee prior to the commencement of a  
9 school year, may also include a middle school or other intermediate level school providing  
10 instruction to grades 5 through 6 or any combination thereof.