

Pathways to Excellence

High-quality schools, stronger communities, and academic success for all students

This is a [bold plan](#) that will expand high-quality education for all of our students.

- We've identified **programs that work** – successful schools with impressive results and high parent demand – and are replicating and expanding them throughout the neighborhoods of Boston.
- The plan creates eight **new K-to-8 programs** (more than 6,000 new seats, an increase of over 60%) to provide families with fewer transitions and more educational continuity.
- We'll offer families more access to **pilot schools**, with nearly 2,000 new pilot school seats (25% increase).
- We know that families have **choices**, and to compete in today's **competitive marketplace**, we have to meet families' needs and improve the services we provide. We are determined to make the Boston Public Schools every parent's first choice for their child's education.

The plan builds on Boston's national reputation as an [innovator](#).

- We're creating **new programs** that meet the **changing needs** of our students, families and communities – such as a Transition/Truancy Center, a Newcomers Center for immigrant students, public Montessori schools and International Baccalaureate programs.
- The plan emphasizes “**graduation for all**” with new and expanded high school programs that offer rigorous courses to prepare students for college and career success.
- It creates new **safety net** services to support students at greatest risk of dropping out – and to recapture those who have left school but want to come back.

The plan confronts new [economic realities](#).

- In these **challenging economic times**, we must use our resources wisely. With **higher costs** and a **declining school-age population**, we cannot settle for “business as usual.”
- The plan promotes **efficiency and fiscal responsibility** by closing five buildings, to address declining enrollment.
- While this plan is expected to **control spending** by up to \$13.8 million over the next five years, the money will be reinvested in our children's future.
- The plan also calls for additional reduction in spending on **bus transportation** to support academic investments and give more families in all neighborhoods greater access to schools close to their homes.

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