


MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members
Boston School Committee

FROM: Carol R. Johnson 
Superintendent

DATE: November 5, 2008

RE: Pilot School Proposals

At the November 5th School Committee meeting, we will present to you five proposals for pilot school expansion and conversion for the 2009-10 school year.

Two have been discussed as part of the Pathways to Excellence recommendations and were submitted to you for action tonight:

- TechBoston Academy expansion to Grades 6-12 using its current facility and the Wilson building
- Young Achievers K-8 School expansion and move to the Lewenberg building

Three are new proposals that we are submitting for your review tonight and for action at the November 19th School Committee meeting:

- Boston Teachers Union K-8 pilot school located at the Parkman building (former home of Young Achievers)
- Mary Lyon K-12 School, with only the 9-12 component as pilot using the Garfield building
- Haley Elementary School as a pilot school conversion using its current facility

As I explained earlier, the Harbor School has submitted a proposal to add high school grades, which both we and the Boston Teachers Union support. I will bring that proposal to you once we have had more time to examine facility and capital needs

Executive summaries of each proposal are attached, with the full proposals on file in the School Committee Office. Central staff and the pilot school principals and headmasters will be at both School Committee meetings to answer any questions that you may have.

Attachments: TechBoston executive summary
Young Achievers executive summary
Boston Teachers Union executive summary
Lyon executive summary
Haley executive summary