

“Pathways to Excellence”

Timeline for community engagement and decision-making process

Updated September 30, 2008

August 25	Launch of new BPS website <i>Information posted about “Pathways to Excellence”:</i> www.bostonpublicschools.org/node/193
August 29	Superintendent’s letter mailed to all BPS families and staff <i>Presents overview of issues, process, and timeline (translated)</i>
September 2	Back-to-school news conference <i>Extensive media outreach about school year priorities, including need to reprogram schools; significant print, radio and television coverage</i>
September 2 - 30	Meetings with Principals/Headmasters of schools proposed for expansion, relocation, closing, merging, reprogramming
September 24	School Committee Meeting , 6:00 p.m., 26 Court St. (televised) <i>Presentation about priorities, process, timelines</i>
October 1	Meetings with all Principals/Headmasters Reprogramming proposals posted on website and MyBPS School Committee Meeting , 6:00 p.m., 26 Court St. (televised) <i>Presentation of preliminary options for consideration</i>
October 2	Meeting with Boston Teachers Union <i>Review proposals and discuss impact on staff assignments</i>
October 6 – 24	Meetings at individual schools proposed for changes Families notified about meetings through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Letters / Fliers (translated)• Connect-Ed messages (translated)• School Site / Parent Councils• Website

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October 7	Community Forum about Proposals North Zone, Orchard Gardens K-8 School, Roxbury, 6:00 p.m.
October 14	Community Forum about Proposals East Zone, Mildred Ave. Middle School, Mattapan, 6:00 p.m.
October 15	School Committee Meeting , 6:00 p.m., 26 Court St. (televised) <i>Continued deliberation and public comment about proposals</i>
October 16	Community Forum about Proposals West Zone, The English High School, Jamaica Plain, 6:00 p.m.
October 29	School Committee Meeting , 6:00 p.m., 26 Court St. (televised) <i>Continued deliberation and public comment about proposals; vote</i>
November 3	Beginning of school choice season <i>Extensive communication about reprogramming outcomes, school choice activities, registration and assignment procedures, including:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Preview Time • School Choice Family Information Sessions (4) • Visibility Day • Showcase of Schools • Media outreach, MBTA and newspaper advertising

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The Community/Stakeholder Engagement process is an important component of the Pathways to Excellence proposal and ultimately the School Committee vote. Listening to the voices, and addressing the questions, concerns and suggestions of families, students, community members and other stakeholders will be critical to the success of this proposal. This document details the process.

