

The Thomas W. Payzant Public Service in Education Scholarship 2011

For over a decade, Dr. Thomas W. Payzant served as Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools, providing outstanding leadership to ensure that all children in the City of Boston have access to quality educational opportunities. Dr. Payzant's philosophy and actions demonstrated the importance of collaboration and public engagement as fundamental to promoting student achievement. He set the standard by working effectively with Mayor Thomas M. Menino, the Boston School Committee, students, families, teachers, and business and community partners to improve teaching and learning and to build one of the nation's best urban school systems.

Under Dr. Payzant's leadership, the Boston Public Schools set high standards for teaching and learning, expanded early education offerings, redesigned high schools to promote student achievement, emphasized family and community engagement, and undertook a series of creative and aggressive efforts to raise student proficiency and eliminate the achievement gap. As a result of his efforts, Boston students have demonstrated a consistent pattern of continuous improvement on a number of assessments, ranging from MCAS to the SAT, as well as higher college matriculation rates. In addition to numerous awards, in 2006, the Boston Public Schools received the Broad Prize for Urban Education, an award recognizing the nation's finest urban school district. During Dr. Payzant's tenure, student involvement also reached an all-time high, with students actively engaged in leadership efforts at the school and district level to improve their educational experiences.

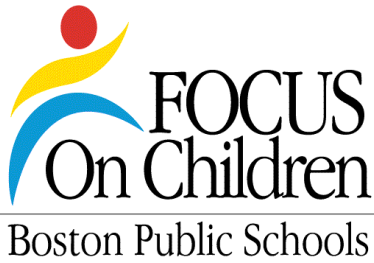
Dr. Payzant has left a valuable legacy, not only in terms of a revitalized school system, but also in demonstrating the power of engagement and leadership to make a difference. He served as a role model for many of us, and to honor his tireless dedication to the students in the Boston Public Schools, the Boston School Committee has established the Thomas W. Payzant Public Service in Education Scholarship.

One \$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a student graduating in the class of 2011, who has been accepted into an accredited higher education program and who has demonstrated strong leadership and service to his/her school and/or the district, while maintaining a solid academic record. The scholarship is for one year only. Funds will be distributed directly to recipient's school of choice once documentation is furnished confirming enrollment.

To be eligible to apply, a student must have:

- (a) Met all State and district requirements to graduate from a Boston public high school in June 2011.
- (b) Demonstrated academic proficiency as documented by a minimum grade point average of 2.50, or demonstrated improvement from the 9th grade to the 12th grade as measured by an improved grade point average (GPA) and/or class rank.
- (c) Been accepted at an accredited college, university, community or junior college, or post-secondary vocational/technical program.
- (d) Made significant contributions to improving education in the Boston Public Schools.

See Page 2 of this document for an application form and application instructions. **All materials must be received by 5 pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.** For more information, students should speak to the guidance counselor at their school, or call Elizabeth Sullivan at 617-635-9015.



**The Thomas W. Payzant
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Application
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To apply for the 2011 Payzant Scholarship, please complete and submit the following materials by **5 pm on Wednesday, June 1, 2011.**

APPLICATION CHECKLIST:

- Completed application form
- An official high school transcript (stamped and sealed by guidance counselor)
- Two letters of recommendation (*from teacher, headmaster, guidance counselor or community leader*)
- Personal Statement of 500-750 words on the following topic:

How have you demonstrated leadership to improve your school or community? Be specific.

First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
High School		Anticipated Graduation Date
Home Street Address		Home Neighborhood, Zip Code
Home Phone Number		Cell Phone Number
Prospective college attending in fall		Intended Major (if known)
E-mail Address		Signature

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATION MATERIALS TO: Payzant Scholarship Committee
c/o Boston School Committee
26 Court Street, Fourth Floor
Boston, MA 02108

QUESTIONS? E-Mail: esullivan3@boston.k12.ma.us or call Elizabeth Sullivan at (617) 635-9015.

TIMELINE:

Application submission deadline: **June 1, 2011**
Award Presentation: **June 22, 2011**

NOTE: This scholarship is for one year only. Funds will be distributed directly to school of choice in the name of recipient.