

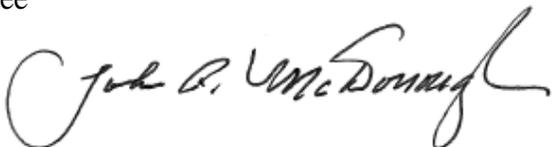
# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members  
Boston School Committee

FROM: John P. McDonough  
Interim Superintendent 

DATE: December 18, 2013

SUBJECT: Second Phase of the Superintendent's Recommendations for Facilities Actions

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Tonight, we will present for a vote the second phase of the Superintendent's recommendations for facilities actions. These actions align with the capital facility master plan, Grow With Boston, which aims to accommodate students in early grades, make better use of surplus space in upper grades, continue to expand quality academic programs, and enhance predictability through fewer transitions.

Among other outcomes, our second-phase recommendations will accomplish the following:

- Maintain the academic programming of Boston Adult Technical Academy at 20 Church Street while BATA's current building is used to house the P.A. Shaw Elementary
- Temporarily relocate the Dearborn to swing space at the Burke High School to allow the creation of a brand-new, STEM-focused facility for the Dearborn
- Continue the expansion of a fully inclusive K-8 program at the Haley by constructing modular classrooms on the Haley site
- Allow Boston Green Academy to expand to a 6-12 program (as provided in its charter) by relocating the school to the Taft building; Another Course to College will remain in the Taft building for the 2014-15 school year while we identify a permanent space in Brighton for ACC

The attached chart outlines each recommendation, the effect it will have for the 2014-15 school year, and the future plan for each facility. Please note that we are continuing to explore a possible alternative location for the Dearborn swing space; however, we are not prepared to

propose such a move at this time. Since these conversations are still in the initial phase, we are requesting that you vote on our recommendation to move the Dearborn to swing space at the Burke. We will share any additional information as it becomes available.

The attached chart also describes the estimated cost of each proposal. These estimates account for both capital and operating expenses, including moving expenses, furniture, repairs and capital expenditures, classroom materials, and technology devices and infrastructure. Cost estimates for BATA and the Dearborn include the cost of relocating the Office of English Language Learners from Church Street to the Campbell Resource Center and Adult Education from the Burke High School to the Madison Park complex.

Please note that these estimates do not include any additional classroom staffing costs or costs related to programmatic changes such as dual language and inclusive programs, since these are being incorporated into our FY15 budget planning process. We look forward to sharing these proposals with you at tonight's meeting and answering any questions you may have at that time. Thank you.