



Introducing BPS Office of Engagement

Presentation to School Committee
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VISION: The Boston Public Schools Graduate...

1. Loves to learn, views the world as a classroom without walls, and thinks critically about the issues within it.
2. Succeeds academically in college-level courses across content areas.
3. Masters verbal and written expression in English, with emerging proficiency in a second language.
4. Uses mathematical skill, scientific inquiry, and state-of-the-art technology to invent new solutions to persistent and unanticipated problems.
5. Exhibits growth, self-discipline, and reflection through innovative expression and artistry.
6. Acknowledges and respects people with diverse backgrounds, histories, and perspectives.
7. Assumes personal responsibility for physical and emotional well-being by making healthy choices.
8. Contributes confidently and positively in professional and social settings, both independently and as a member of a team.
9. Demonstrates resourcefulness and resilience in the face of setbacks and obstacles, relying on personal assets and support from others to achieve goals.
10. Participates actively in a democratic society as a responsible, courageous leader who challenges injustice.



The Mission

“The BPS Office of Engagement is a capacity-building catalyst for authentic and effective partnerships among students, families, schools and the community to ensure student readiness and achievement from pre-entry to graduation.”

~ *Draft Mission Statement for the Office of Engagement developed by the OE Leadership Team*

US Department of Education: Dual Capacity-Building Framework for Family-School Partnerships



Standards of Practice

7 ESSENTIALS FOR WHOLE SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT

- **CORE ESSENTIAL: Effective Instruction**
- **Student Work & Data**
- **Professional Development**
- **Shared Leadership**
- **Operational Excellence**
- **Families & Communities**
- **Resources**

BPS FAMILY AND STUDENT ENGAGEMENT STANDARDS

- **Welcoming Every Family and Every Student into the School Community**
- **Communicating Effectively**
- **Supporting Student Success**
- **Speaking Up for Every Student**
- **Sharing Power and Responsibility**
- **Collaborating with Community**

Building on Strength: Welcome Services

- Improved tools and process for registration
 - DiscoverBPS website for School Choice
 - Increased parent satisfaction with registration process
 - Decreased wait time for registration
 - Satellite registration sites in neighborhoods of high demand

Building on Strength: Countdown to Kindergarten

- School readiness & Pre-entry Support
 - 13 years of implementing successful transition year programs and strategies
 - Talk Read Play Campaign
 - School & Community based Parent-Child Play Groups

Building on Strength: Community Engagement/Circle of Promise

- Public engagement: Establishment of guiding principles for BPS engagement
- Planned and managed the process to engage 5,100 parents, students and school/faith/community leaders in Improving School Choice dialogue
- Established protocol for faith-based partners to connect with schools

Building on Strength: Office of Family & Student Engagement

- Developed & implemented capacity-building framework
- Parent University: over 5,000 parents have attended
- Supporting student voice & engagement: Boston Student Advisory Council
- Strengthening engagement practice for educators: Family & Teacher Guides, Professional development aligned to educator evaluation

OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT: MOVING FORWARD

- Policy Recommendations: Revised Family Engagement Policy, New Public/Community Engagement Policy
- Welcoming and Transitioning Families
 - Maintain the high level of satisfaction at the Welcome Centers
 - Provide increased options for registration through new satellite offices
 - Strengthen and expand kindergarten transition support to families through community partnerships and schools

OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT: MOVING FORWARD

- Ongoing and Authentic Community Voice and Engagement
 - Develop district-level parent and community advisory structures
 - Continue to strengthening faith-based/community engagement to support school improvement
- Building Capacity for Effective Engagement
 - Continue to expand Parent University Satellites, aligning content more deeply to support academic and social-emotional development

OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT: MOVING FORWARD

- Building Capacity for Effective Engagement
 - Expand student engagement focus to middle schools and identify elementary-level best practices
 - Offer in-depth support and training on School Site Councils through BTU partnership
 - Support all schools in meeting baseline expectations for engagement
 - Expand and sustain promising initiatives including Academic Parent-Teacher Teams, Home Visiting Pilot, and Family Friendly Schools Initiative
 - Build teacher capacity through teacher leadership opportunities and PD aligned to the educator evaluation

BPS OFFICE OF ENGAGEMENT

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TO IMPACT STUDENT
LEARNING & SCHOOL
IMPROVEMENT**