



Back to School Preparations

Presentation to School Committee
July 16, 2014

Summer Learning

- 9200 students are registered for our summer learning programs this year
- This includes students in the Extended School Year program (operated by the Office of Special Education and Student Services) and the OELL Summer Enrichment Academies for English Language Learners
- We can't wait to celebrate with our newest graduates at our Summer Graduation (Monday, August 25th at 6:00pm at White Stadium)



Facilities

- Facilities is overseeing approximately 50 ongoing projects this summer
 - Opening new schools at the Alighieri and the P.A. Shaw
 - Installing modular classrooms at the Haley
 - Carrying out projects on the schoolyard at the Curley and the roof of the Channing
 - Moving schools and BPS programs, including BATA, Boston Green Academy, and Dorchester Academy
 - Ordering new furniture and supplies for Kindergarten classes

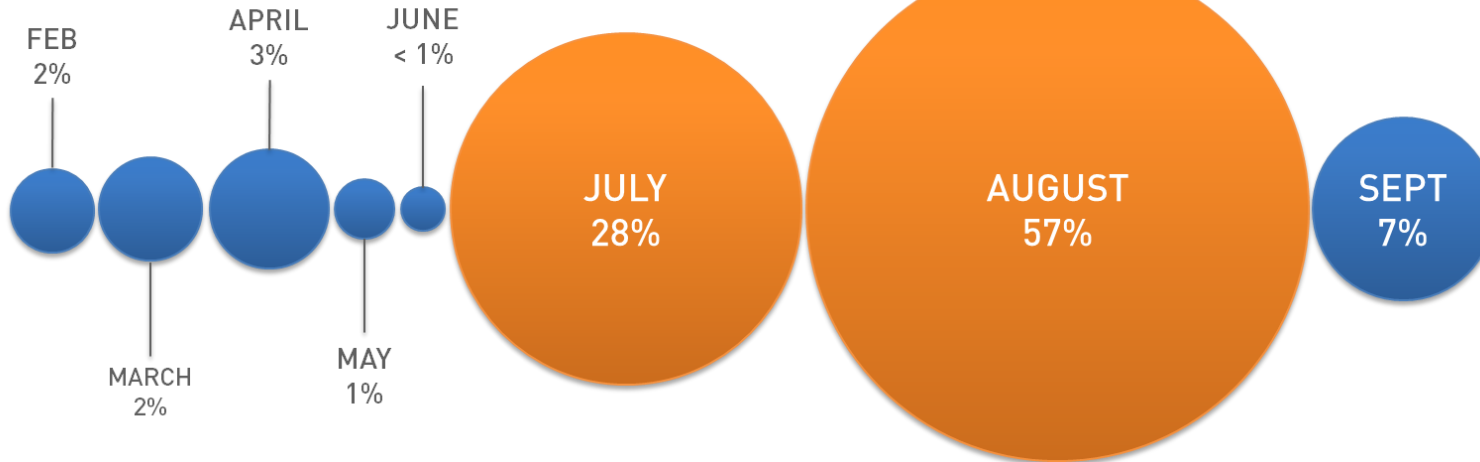


P.A. Shaw Elementary School,
opening this fall

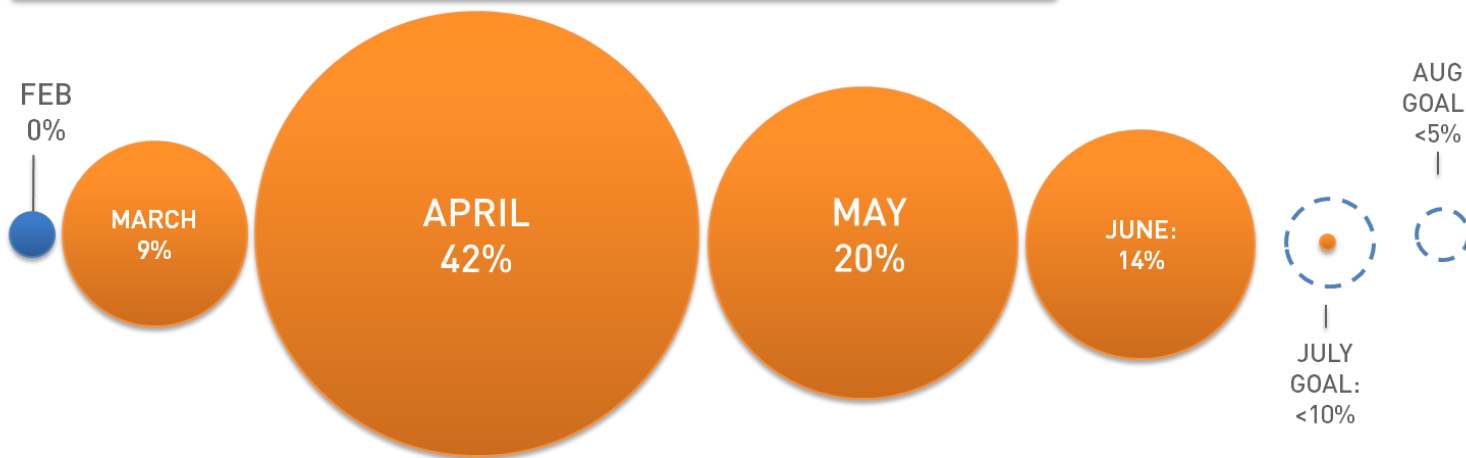
- Long-term projects are also moving forward
 - RFP for Facilities Master Plan is in draft form; planned to go out this summer
 - Dearborn project is in design phase, with demolition planned for later this year

Human Capital

2013-14: Hiring of teachers new to BPS was late



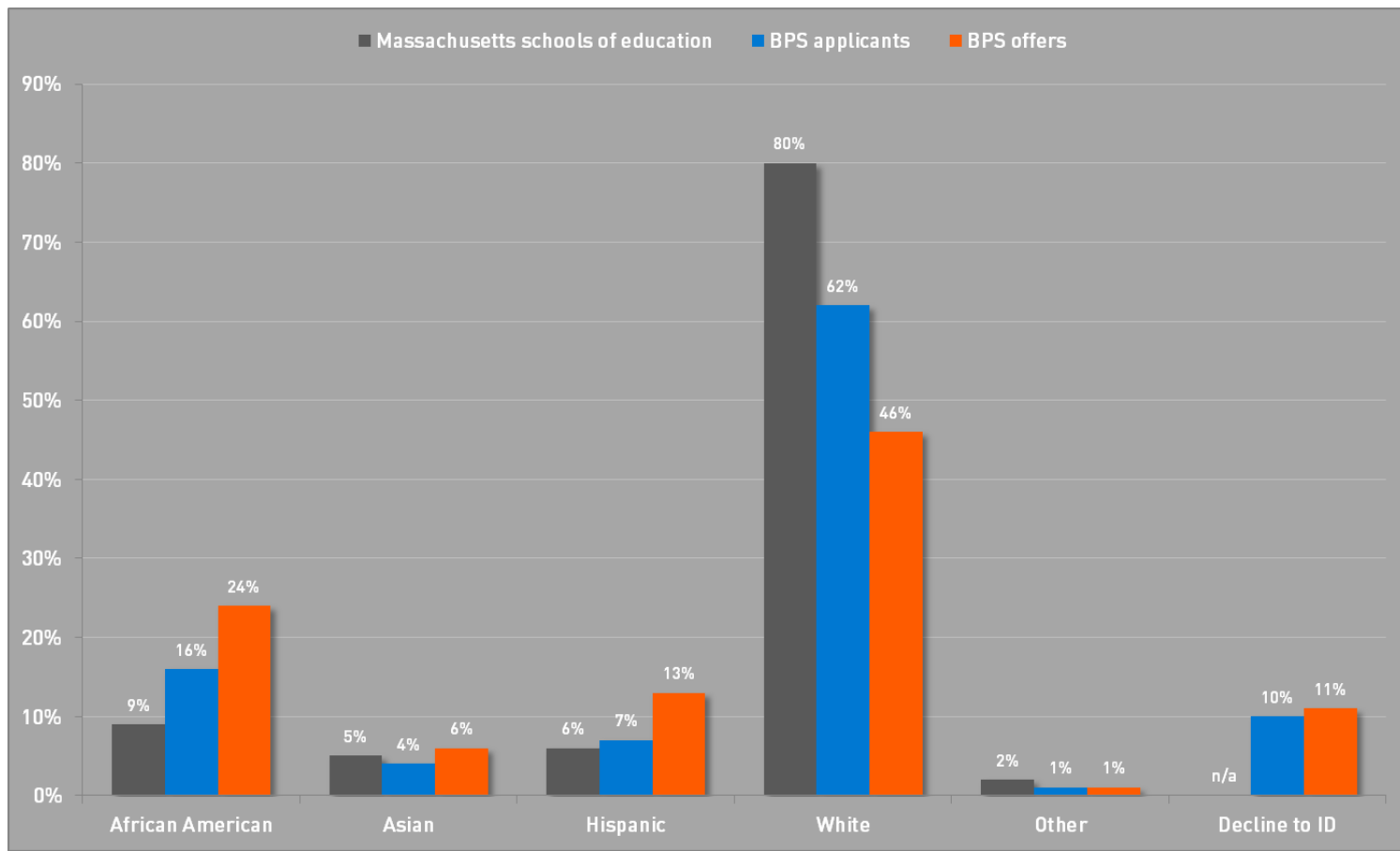
2014-15: All BPS hiring occurs on an accelerated timeline.



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*Note that data is based on 735 positions posted March 1, 2014.

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Food and Nutrition Services



- BPS has reposted the bid for a **new three-year food service contract**
 - New contract will include provisions for quarterly taste-tests by students and regular student and parent involvement in school menus
 - We are asking vendors to include more fresh, local options and healthy choices

- The BPS **salad bar pilot project** will resume this fall in 6 schools

- During the summer, the **Summer Food Service Program** is providing free breakfast and lunch to Boston children at more than 120 sites

Madison Park

- We have asked the Madison Park Headmaster, Dr. Diane Ross Gary, to stay at the school next year, and we will restructure the high-level administrative team
 - An external hiring committee will make hiring recommendations for administrator positions
- All non-licensed teachers have been excessed, and jobs are posted now
 - External hiring committee will make recommendations for filling these positions as well
- We will work closely with community partners to offer a variety of rich, hands-on educational opportunities to prepare students for success

Upcoming Events

- **New Principal Institute** July 21-25
- **ESL and Dual Language Institute** August 5-8
- **August Leadership Institute & New Teacher Institute** August 13-15
- **August Graduation** August 25th, 6:00 pm
White Stadium
- **Countdown to Kindergarten Citywide Celebration** August 26th, 4:30-7:30
Boston Children's Museum
- **First Day of School (Gr. 1-12)** September 4th
- **First Day of School (Kindergarten)** September 8th