



# 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Fund Surplus Furniture



**Boston School Committee  
March 20, 2019**

## 21st Century Schools Capital Fund Overview

### Allocation from BuildBPS

**\$13M**

Purchase and deliver 54,000 pieces of new furniture to all schools

**\$8.2M**

Set-aside for operating expenses related to removal, temporary storage, and divestment of 60,000+ pieces of surplus furniture

**\$800,000**

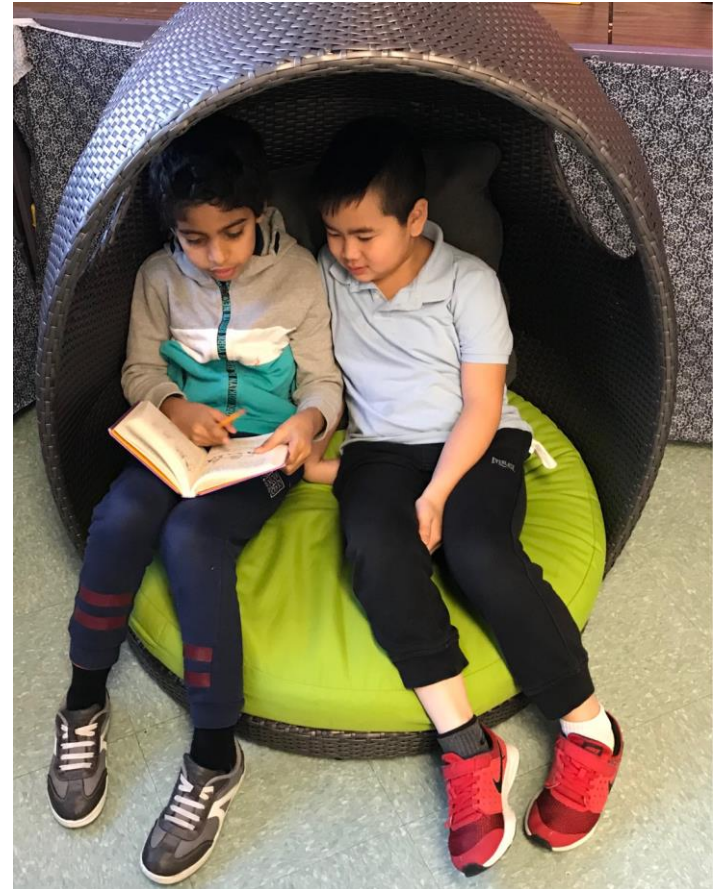
Due to competitive bids, significant volume discounts, and better-than-anticipated pricing, we have a reserve for use on additional 21C activity

**\$4M**

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools Capital Fund Update, continued

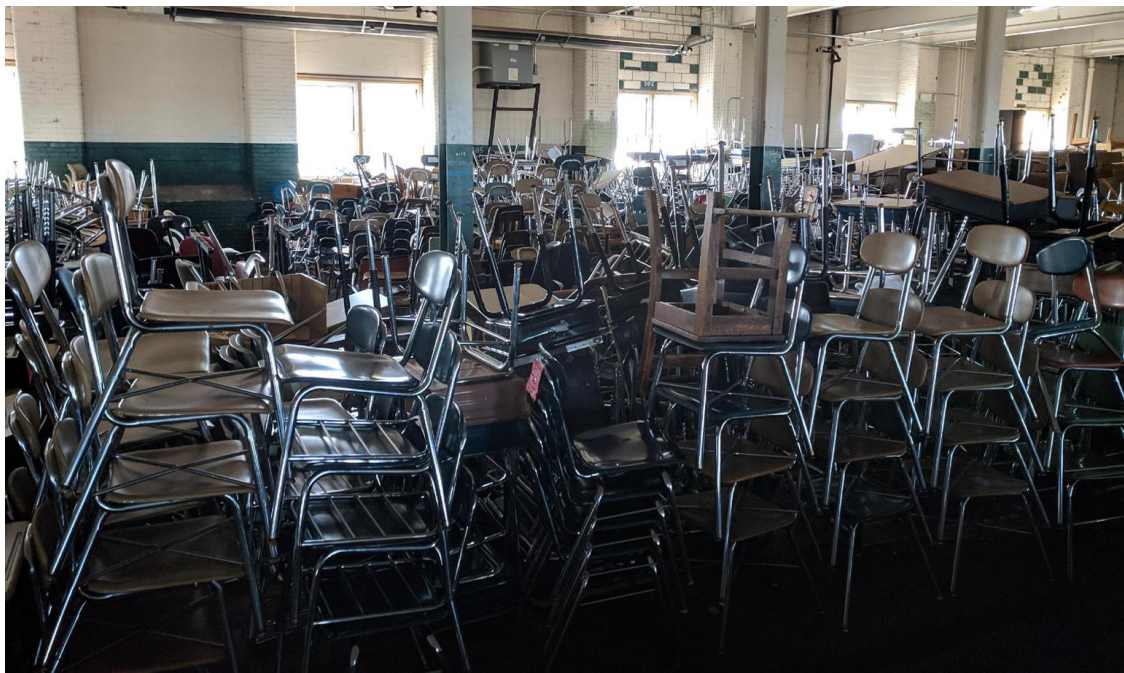
As of January 2019, all schools received their furniture orders and all identified surplus has been removed and placed in temporary storage

We are legally required to have a School Committee vote to declare all furnishings in the temporary storage of no use or value to the BPS to allow us to divest of these well-worn and surplus items.



## M.G.L. 30B, Sec. 15

Government bodies are to adhere to the guidelines, which include that a governmental body may by majority vote, unless otherwise prohibited by law, dispose of a **tangible supply no longer useful to the governmental body** but having resale or salvage value, at less than the fair market value to a charitable organization which has received a tax exemption from the United States by reason of its charitable nature.



## Next Steps

1. School Committee Vote
2. 21 Century Team to work to reuse, recycle, and redistribute items
  - Offer items to inter- and intra-governmental bodies
  - Engage in donations to other places within the US and abroad
  - Recycle and dispose of remaining trash

## Vote Language

In accordance with **M.G.L. 30B, Sec. 15**, the School Committee must vote that the furniture, fixtures and equipment removed from schools as part of the 21st Century Schools Fund initiative are no longer useful for the Boston Public Schools but have resale or salvage value.

### **ACTION REQUESTED:**

To declare that surplus furniture, fixtures and equipment from the 21st Century Schools Fund have exceeded their useful life and are therefore of no further use to the district, and therefore, makes these items available for other interested parties, according to the procedures in the statute.

# Questions