



June 17, 2022

TO: Members of the Boston School Committee

FROM: Alison Hramiec, Head of School, Boston Day and Evening Academy (BDEA)
Cris Rothfuss, Chairperson, BDEA Board of Trustees

RE: Boston Day and Evening Charter Renewal Request

Boston Day and Evening School (BDEA) is a Horace Mann I Charter School, chartered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education for a term of five years. Approved originally in 1995, and chartered by Massachusetts in 1998, our charter has been renewed four times without conditions. We are currently coming to the end of year four in a charter that expires in June 2023. As part of the charter school accountability process we are seeking renewal of our charter to permit our continued operation from July 2023 through June 2028. The renewal process requires that we reflect on our progress over the current charter term, and lay out our plans for the future. The application presents analysis of our operations and outcomes with input from BDEA students, staff, families, Trustees and the school's senior Leadership Team. Plans for the future have also included feedback from these stakeholders. These materials were reviewed and approved (on Tuesday June 14, 2022) by the BDEA Board of Trustees.

BDEA is an alternative public charter high school in Roxbury with a unique and important role serving students who are over-age and undercredited for high school through a competency-based education model (63% of students test below grade level on MAPS assessment). In this charter term we have increased SpEd and ESL enrollment while increasing staffing and resources accordingly (22% of teachers are dual certified in ESL and 48% in SpEd). Of our 161 graduates during this charter term, 54% have gone on to college, 19% to work and 27% to training programs. With a focus on restorative justice and a commitment to becoming an anti-racist institution we have maintained a 3% suspension rate which is far below expected benchmarks. We are financially stable with 1.66M in assets. We are proud of our strong partnership with both BPS and the BTU over many years.

Because we are a Horace Mann Charter School the application for renewal of our charter requires the support of the Boston Teacher's Union and an affirmative vote of the Boston School Committee. Attached are draft materials for your review. We look forward to discussing our renewal application with you at the school committee meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022.

I am available to discuss these documents in advance of the meeting if that would be helpful. You may reach me at (617) 838-1157 or by email at ahramiec@bostonpublicschools.org.

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