

Title: Boston Day and Evening Academy	Date: Feb. 1st 2019
Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:	BDEA, a BPS in-district Horace Mann charter, is requesting approval from the school committee for two changes to our school policy and student enrollment capacity. The first request is a change to BDEA's enrollment policy and application so that it meets DESE guidelines. The second request is to increase BDEA's enrollment from 405 students to 505 over the course of the next three years. Both of these changes support BDEA's 20+ year old mission to provide an academically rigorous academic program with strong social emotional supports to BPS students who have not found success in traditional high schools.
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	BDEA's mission is to address the achievement gap directly. All students come to BDEA at risk for dropping out of school or have already dropped out and come to BDEA looking for a fresh start. 90% of BDEA students have experienced risk factors associated to trauma and 60% self report struggling with mental health issues. For over 20 years BDEA has stayed true to this mission, supporting the transformation of young adults who may have otherwise not finished high school and ensuring each graduate has a viable post-secondary plan.
Policy Implications:	BDEA's requests of the BPS school committee ensures that BDEA is in compliance with DESE, charter school law. The BPS school committee must approve any changes to BDEA policies (enrollment) and approve any increase in the enrollment capacity before it is present to DESE for approval by the commissioner.
Budget Impact:	There should be no budget impact. The increased seats will fund staffing needs.
Implications of Yes Vote:	A yes vote to approve BDEA's enrollment policy and application ensures, BDEA, as a Horace Mann Charter School, is in compliance with DESE law. A yes vote to increase BDEA's student enrollment capacity, allows BDEA to continue the school mission to support the district's over-age, under-credited young adults who are at risk of dropping out of high school. BDEA will also be able to respond directly to the Parthenon Report findings by creating specific



	<p>programming for sub-groups of students currently not being served (young, far from graduating students) by BPS's existing programs.</p>
<p>Implications of No Vote:</p>	<p>A no vote on BDEA's enrollment policy changes, would mean BDEA is not in compliance to DESE law.</p> <p>A no vote on BDEA's request to increase student enrollment capacity would mean BDEA would have to deny up to 70 students per year an opportunity to re-engage with their education, achieve their high school diploma and enter into a post-secondary plan.</p> <p>Cutting those seats from BDEA, would also mean BDEA would need to cut 3-5 staff for next year.</p>

