



DATE: June 17, 2022
TO: Members of the Boston School Committee
FROM: Matt Holzer, Head of School, Boston Green Academy
Alex Chu, Chairperson, Boston Green Academy Board of Trustees
RE: Boston Green Academy Charter Amendment Requests

As you are aware, Boston Green Academy is a Horace Mann 'in-district' Charter School, chartered by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education with the approval of the Boston School Committee and the Boston Teachers Union for five year terms. Approved originally as a 're-start' of a struggling BPS high school in 2011, BGA's charter has been renewed three times, most recently in 2021. BGA is nationally recognized for excellence in sustainable education, continues to enroll a diverse and high needs population, is popular with families across the city with a healthy waitlist, and is one of the most successful non-selective secondary schools in the BPS based on numerous measures, including graduation rates, drop-out rates, and MCAS scores.

Following rechartering, every Horace Mann charter school is required to submit a new Memorandum of Understanding between the school (BGA) and its host district (BPS), which outlines the operational agreements between the two parties, as well as a new Accountability Plan that outlines the school-determined assessment measures for the charter's term (in addition to those in DESE's Accountability Framework). Both of these documents are considered charter amendments and require the approval of the school's Board of Trustees, the Boston Teachers Union, and the Boston School Committee, before being sent to the DESE Commissioner for final approval. DESE has already given preliminary approval to both documents to ensure they conform to regulations and both the BGA Board and the BTU have approved them prior to this request for School Committee consideration.

BGA negotiated the MOU with BPS Office of Legal Advisor for over six months (December 2021-May 2022), with both parties ultimately agreeing to a document that is virtually identical to the MOU from BGA's previous charter term (2016-2021). The Accountability Plan was developed in 2021 by the BGA school community to identify accountability metrics that would align with the school's mission and key design elements, as well as continue our commitment to improving student achievement and equity. They are submitted together so that the School Committee may efficiently consider all the school's amendments at once.

Copies of both documents, as well as our Equity Impact Statement, are attached for your review. We look forward to discussing our charter amendments with you at the School Committee meeting on Tuesday, June 21, 2022. We are available to discuss these documents in advance of the meeting if that would be helpful: (857-210-5261) or mholzer@bostonpublicschools.org.