

Equity Impact Statement

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<p>Title: Update on Drinking Water Access</p>	<p>Date: February 28, 2018</p>
<p>Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:</p>	<p>In June 2016, the BPS School Committee passed the BPS Water Policy, https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6092. Facilities Management will present an update on the actions taken and progress made regarding BPS drinking water access since the policy went into effect.</p>
<p>Educational and Racial Equity Implications:</p>	<p>The availability of free, safe water is integral to the district’s responsibility to meet all students’ and employees’ basic needs and support healthy habits. Under BPS policy and state law, all students must have access to water throughout the school day at no cost. In addition, federal law requires that water be available at no cost during meal times wherever meals are served.</p> <p>BPS testing and water quality data is publicly available at bostonpublicschools.org/water and through annual notices home to families in multiple languages.</p> <p>Any new work related to drinking water infrastructure is in compliance with 248 CMR 10.00: Uniform State Plumbing Code requirements (see Table 1: Minimum Facilities For Building Occupancy, available at http://www.mass.gov/ocabr/licensee/dpl-boards/pl/regulations/rules-and-regs/248-cmr-1000.html#10.02) and the Americans with Disabilities Act.</p> <p>The evaluation process for turning schools online (adding water fountain service and using tap water as the primary source of drinking water) includes selecting schools from across all Boston neighborhoods (in part to achieve racial equity), schools with a variety of grade configurations, and based on existing drinking water infrastructure, current and past drinking water test results, and anticipated costs.</p>



	<p>The following schools have been turned online since the 2016 passage of the BPS Water Policy:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Another Course to College 2. Boston Green Academy 3. Boston Latin School 4. Edward M. Kennedy Academy For Health Careers 5. Joseph P. Manning Elementary 6. Lee Elementary School 7. Mather Elementary 8. Mattapan Early Elementary School 9. Quincy Elementary School 10. Sarah Greenwood K-8 School 11. Winship Elementary School <p>All online schools that had existing water fountain service at the time of the passage of the new policy currently have water fountain service.</p> <p>The online/offline status of all schools can be found at https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/Page/6052.</p>
Policy Implications:	N/A
Budget Impact:	N/A
Implications of Yes Vote:	N/A
Implications of No Vote:	N/A

