

Equity Impact Statement

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Title: Food and Nutrition Services (FNS) Hub and Spoke Update	Date: April 11, 2018
Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:	Food and Nutrition Services is presenting an update on one of our key projects for this school year: Hub and Spoke Pilot in East Boston. We will update on project history, current status and the timelines for Spring, Summer and Fall 2018.
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	<p>FNS continues to evolve our school meal program and continually elevate our schools. We believe that all students deserve meals reflective of our culture, tastes and environment. We believe eating well is not a privilege; it's a right.</p> <p>This project impacts students in three needy neighborhoods: East Boston, Roxbury and Mattapan. The economically disadvantaged percentage for the 14,500 student population is 78%. The district average is 72%. By focusing on these areas, we have the opportunity to expose different menu choices to students that have only experienced pre-packaged meals. We have the opportunity to create equitable facilities for cooking in schools that are in underserved communities with food deserts. For a majority of these students, the meals at school may be the only meals they eat and we want to make sure it is the best.</p>
Policy Implications:	As FNS continues to set the standards for meals served to our students, this project spotlights providing students with access to good nutrition. Studies show nutritious foods drive improved health and academic outcomes. Therefore, focusing on projects that can lead to policies that impact student health can provide the opportunity to increase the potential to learn.
Budget Impact:	Not Applicable
Implications of Yes Vote:	Not Applicable
Implications of No Vote:	Not Applicable

