

Equity Impact Statement

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Title: Investment priorities from the Budget Equity Working Group	Date: January 24, 2018
Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:	For two years, Boston Public Schools has been engaged in a long term financial planning effort. In October of 2016, the district released the first long term financial planning report, which introduced ten “big ideas” for addressing structural challenges and reinvesting in schools. In the months to follow, the district solicited input across the community, and one of the key themes was around the need to proactively address equity issues in the BPS budget and identify key investment strategies. Over the last 6 months, a Budget Equity Working Group of internal and external stakeholders from the Opportunity and Achievement Gap Task Force and the Long Term Financial Planning Advisory Committee crafted together a set of investment priorities to do just that. Tonight’s presentation will share those priorities, and in the Feb. 7 presentation of the FY19 budget, we will show how those priorities have impacted the FY19 budget proposal.
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	The investment framework was created with the intention of identifying and addressing areas of inequity in the BPS budget. It accomplishes this by suggesting system-wide and school-led investment priorities that are based in the principles of equity and by suggesting continuously increasing the impact of existing spending through the lens of equity.
Policy Implications:	N/A: tonight’s presentation does not represent a formal policy
Budget Impact:	Tonight’s presentation does not directly impact the budget; however, the work over the last two years that has gone into tonight’s presentation has helped bring stabilization to the BPS budget and increased equity and will inform planning in FY19 and beyond.
Implications of Yes Vote:	N/A: there is no vote on this item
Implications of No Vote:	N/A: there is no vote on this item

