

Equity Impact Statement

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Title: BATA Proposal	Date: January 24, 2018
Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:	In an effort to better meet students' needs at Boston Adult Technical Academy (BATA), we seek a one-year exception to the age 22 mandatory transfer policy so that BATA may continue academic programming for students who are over 22 for this academic year (2017-2018).
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	<p>Students over 22 years old need more support to set goals to continue their education. As part of our efforts to close opportunity and achievement gaps for older students, the district is developing a referral process to transition them to community-based and adult education programs.</p> <p>The Office of Secondary Schools and BATA are partnering to create a transition and placement plan for students who are not able to meet graduation requirements before they turn 22 this year. We are identifying high quality adult programs that will maximize the likelihood that they will complete their education.</p> <p>The students affected by this policy often have histories of trauma, have experienced multiple transitions and have many life obstacles that have impeded their educational and social mobility. The majority of these students are EL learners, low income, and newcomers into the country. They require a safe, supportive, and welcoming environment with stable relationships in order to successfully complete high school.</p>
Policy Implications:	<p>By granting this exception, the district and BATA will be able to create sustainable systems and structures to develop transition plans for all students who reach their twenty-second birthdays while still enrolled in our schools.</p> <p>This action will also support a comprehensive effort to identify adult placement options for students who are not able to meet graduation requirements by age 22.</p>
Budget Impact:	No cost.
Implications of Yes Vote:	A yes vote would authorize BATA to retain students over age 22 at the school for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. After this year, the existing policy would remain in place with



	students age 22 required to exit.
Implications of No Vote:	A no vote would deny BATA the ability to retain students over age 22 at the school for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year. Students turning 22 during the school year would be dismissed from the school and would need to seek out an opportunity such as enrollment in adult education.

