Ready on Day One

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL!

Grade 1st-12th:
Thursday, September 7

Kindergarten (K0,K1,K2):
Monday, September 11
The table below illustrates the progress we have made hiring for key positions for School Year 23-24.

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<tr>
<th>Position</th>
<th>Number of vacancies</th>
<th>Number in process for hire</th>
<th>Number of positions filled (SY23-24)</th>
<th>Total Number of Budgeted Positions (% Vacant)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Teachers</td>
<td>134</td>
<td>88</td>
<td>1,419</td>
<td>4,915 (2.7%)</td>
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<td>Paraprofessionals</td>
<td>107</td>
<td>34</td>
<td>391</td>
<td>2,171 (4.9%)</td>
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<td>Food Services</td>
<td>36</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>50</td>
<td>522 (6.9%)</td>
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<td>School Leaders</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>17</td>
<td>117 (0%)</td>
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<td>Nurses</td>
<td>13</td>
<td>8</td>
<td>29</td>
<td>173 (7.5%)</td>
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<td>Safety Specialists</td>
<td>0</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>50 (0%)</td>
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Data as of August 28, 2023
**Ready With Transportation!**

**Staffing**
- 743 bus drivers (as of 8/25) + 25 trainees
- 675 bus monitors (as of 8/25) + 57 hires in process
- Continue recruitment, hiring and training of drivers and monitors to ensure reliable transportation for all students

**Customer Service**
- More than 25 customer service staff, including multilingual staff, ready for the start of school
- Families can contact the Transportation Hotline at 617-635-9520 or through our Support Portal

**Track your bus!**
- Where’s My School Bus: schoolbus.bostonpublicschools.org
- Login using Parent/Guardian Last Name, Student ID, and Student Date of Birth

*Bus assignments sent to families in home language by mail and email*
On-site and Vended Meals
- Focus on scratch cooking at all locations with kitchens
- 86 schools will be cooking meals on site starting day one
- Students in schools without full kitchens or experiencing hiring challenges will receive healthy vended meals:
  - 36 schools will be serving fresh packaged meals
  - 22 of the 36 will begin cooking by end of November
- Year long rollout of self-serve salad bars for all cooking locations
- Halal and Kosher options will be available later in the year

Update on City Fresh Foods
- Continue working with Roxbury-based, Black-owned business
- Freshly-made, daily, locally sourced ingredients

We Are Hiring!
During the summer, the Facilities team worked very hard to get our schools ready:

- Internal and External Painting
- Parking Lot Improvements
- Playground Upgrades
- Deep Cleaning of our Buildings
- Bathroom Renovations (ongoing)
- Installation of AC Units
Anyone presenting with COVID-19 symptoms in school will need to report to the health office and wear a mask until they are picked up by their parent/guardian. Staff should go home.

- Individuals will need to obtain an over-the-counter rapid antigen test kit or consult with their healthcare provider

Anyone diagnosed with COVID-19 will need to isolate following the Isolation and Exposure Guidelines and notify the school or school nurse. Positive test results will be reported using the COVID-19 Reporting Form.

Schools are supplied with disposable masks in sizes for students and staff.

There are abundant hand hygiene stations throughout school buildings with plenty of supplies on hand in all buildings.
Ready With Academics!

Supporting Our Students
Our principals, teachers and school staff are so excited to start the new school year! This year we are focused on:

1. Strong Instruction
2. Creating a welcoming & supportive environment
3. Engaging students to strengthen their attendance

Inclusion Planning Teams
In addition to these priorities we will also be launching inclusion planning teams to expand support and services to students of all needs.
Welcome to new team members!

Kay Seale
Chief of Specialized Services

Olga Garriga
Deputy Chief Services and Support
Office of Specialized Services

Lauren Viviani
Deputy Chief Specialized Programming
Office of Specialized Services
Welcome to new team members!

Carolina Armstrong  
*Deputy Chief of Instructional Support*  
*Office of Multilingual & Multicultural Education*

Brittany Baggett  
*Deputy Chief Operations & Accountability*  
*Office of Multilingual & Multicultural Education*
Welcome to new team members!

Francesse Canty
Chief of Human Capital

Magaly Sanchez
Chief Family Advancement Officer
Who do I contact if I have more questions?

If your question is specific to your child and their school:
- Call your child’s school & ask for the *Family Liaison*
- School directory with contact info can be found [here](#)
- Families can request interpretation on the spot

If your question is specific to transportation:
- Call the Transportation Hotline 617-635-9520
- Use our [online student portal](#)

What if I need more support?
- Call our *BPS Helpline* 617-635-8873
- Email our Helpline team of Multilingual Specialists: [helpline@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:helpline@bostonpublicschools.org)