

<p>Title: Furniture Surplus Discussion</p>	<p>Date: March 20, 2019</p>
<p>Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:</p>	<p>As you are aware, the BPS has completed the first phase of the 21st Century Schools Fund initiative. We have successfully purchased, delivered and installed 50,000 new pieces of furniture across the District. As part of this work, equal or greater quantities of surplus furnishings have been removed to make room for all of the new items. It is important to note that the surplus items were tagged for removal by each school.</p> <p>These items have been held in external rented storage space for which the City is paying monthly fees under contract with two moving companies via BuildBPS funding. BPS Facilities Management staff have identified and removed items to be stored in our limited storage space for reuse in the future at BPS schools.</p> <p>It is now time to divest of what remains. In order to dispose of items removed as surplus, and in accordance with the Section 15 of M.G.L. Chapter 30B, also known as the Uniform Procurement Act, the School Committee must vote to deem the items worthless, which will enable BPS to employ the following means to dispose of the surplus items. Once this vote has taken place, a process to reuse, recycle, and redistribute items can begin.</p>
<p>Educational and Racial Equity Implications:</p>	<p>The BuildBPS 21 Century Furniture initiative purchases at each school were undertaken through an equity lenses. The equation developed by the BuildBPS Management Team to equitably allocate the BuildBPS funds required each school's online purchase to include a thorough equity analysis. By completing this analysis and receiving the new furniture each school also received an equal delivery of the surplus removal services.</p>
<p>Policy Implications:</p>	<p>In accordance with M.G.L. 30B, Sec. 15, the School Committee must vote that the furniture, fixtures and equipment removed from schools as part of the 21st Century Schools Fund initiative are no longer useful for the Boston Public Schools but have resale or salvage value.</p>



Budget Impact:	The expenses relating to the movement, storage and ultimately the divestment of old furniture were established at the beginning for the 21st Century Schools Fund. There is funding and we are within the established budget allocation.
Implications of Yes Vote:	A YES vote will declare that surplus furniture, fixtures and equipment from the 21st Century Schools Fund have exceeded their useful life and are therefore of no further use to the district, and therefore, makes these items available for other interested parties, according to the procedures in the statute.
Implications of No Vote:	A NO vote will require BPS to continue paying storage fees for items that are of no further use to our schools.

