



Boston Public Schools

# Columbia Point Parcel Presentation

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**COLUMBIA POINT SCHOOL PROPERTIES RESOLUTION**

- WHEREAS: The City-owned parcel located at 315-325 Mount Vernon Street (hereinafter "the Land") is in the care, custody, control, and management of the Boston Public Schools (BPS); and
- WHEREAS: BPS wishes to explore opportunities to maximize possible use(s) of the Land for the benefit of Dever and McCormack school students, as well as students at nearby BPS schools and residents in the surrounding community; therefore, let it be
- RESOLVED: That the Chairperson and members of the School Committee of the City of Boston hereby authorize BPS to partner with the City's Department of Neighborhood Development (DND) to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the redevelopment of a portion of the Land to benefit students at the Dever and McCormack schools and other nearby BPS schools and residents in the surrounding community. BPS and DND will actively seek student, school, and community input and involvement to inform the drafting of the RFP. If no advantageous proposal is received, the Land will remain in the care, custody, control, and management of BPS. If an advantageous proposal is received, redevelopment of the Land would be contingent upon a future vote of the School Committee authorizing the surplus of a portion of the Land to DND.

# School Committee Resolution

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# Rationale for Project

- Invest and upgrade the physical infrastructure of the site to offer a year round indoor use for athletics, recreation, community and educational space for both BPS students as well as for the Harbor Point community, the neighborhoods of Dorchester, South Boston as well as other neighborhoods of Boston
- Maximize use of an asset to investigate potential opportunities for public-private partnerships designed to improve overall student and community experience(s)
- Preserve options for potential BPS projects at the McCormack and Dever in the future

# McCormack Middle and Dever Elementary Schools



# Community-wide Benefit

McCormack Middle School - 315 Mount Vernon Street



# Community Process Overview

School Committee Meeting:	April 11, 2018
School Committee Meeting:	May 9, 2018
School Committee Meeting:	May 23, 2018
Harbor Point Task Force:	Nov. 5, 2018
Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association:	Dec. 3, 2018
Dever Parents Council: (RFP Issued: June 24, 2019)	Feb. 26, 2019
Harbor Point Community Task Force:	Sept. 16, 2019
Columbia Savin Hill Civic Association: McCormack/Dever/BCLA	Oct. 7, 2019
School Communities Meeting:	Nov. 4, 2019
Corcoran-Jennison Harbor Point Community Meeting:	Jan. 21, 2020

# Investing In Open Space

As part of this project, the City of Boston has committed \$200,000 to begin a public process to study future design improvements to the remaining open space at the Columbia Point Parcel.

The process will include students, teachers, community members, School Committee and other external stakeholders. After this public process is complete, funding will be allocated as part of the Capital Budget to begin the renovations.

## Next Steps

1. Continued student, school and stakeholder engagement. Project will be subject to the Boston Planning and Development Agency's Large Project Review which will trigger additional community input.
2. Work with the City to subdivide the property to assign it a new parcel ID. Property ownership remains with BPS.
3. Finalize the lease with the selected partner.
4. Lease will specify that work will not begin until all applicable permits and approvals have been obtained (i.e., zoning relief, BPDA Large Project Review Process, building permits, etc.), and until BPS provides written notice to proceed.