

## MEMORANDUM

To: Chairperson and Members, Boston School Committee

From: Cathy Lizotte, Legal Advisor

Date: July 14, 2021

Re: UP Academy Request for Approval of MOU and Management Contract

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UP Academy Boston (“UAB”) and UP Academy Dorchester (“UAD”), two Horace Mann charter schools operated by the UP Education Network (“UPEN”), are seeking School Committee approval on two charter amendments.

### Requested Approvals:

#### **1. Charter Amendments**

Pursuant to 603 CMR 1.10(4), amendments to a Horace Mann’s charter require the approval of the local school committee and the local collective bargaining unit prior to submission to DESE. UAB and UAD submit the following charter amendments for approval, which have been provisionally approved by DESE and approved by the BTU:

a. Memorandum of Understanding for UP Academy Boston

-MOU expired on June 30, 2021; the School Committee last approved the MOU in August 2020. -This MOU will match the charter term of 2021-2026. DESE renewed UAB’s charter in 2021. -This MOU also explicitly states that UAB will follow BPS Equity policies.

b. Management contract between UP Academy and UP Education Network - redlined version showing changes attached.

-Defines the relationship between UPEN and the boards of UAB and UAD - neither BPS nor the School Committee is a party to the agreement.

-updates dates, definitions, employee names, and management fee.