

Equity Impact Statement

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Title: BPE Dearborn MOU	Date: June 20, 2018
Presentation Overview/Action Proposed:	BPS and Boston Plan for Excellence have reached a tentative agreement pending approval by the school committee for a renewed Memorandum of Understanding. This MOU renewal would extend BPE's status as operator of the Dearborn school for one year, with an additional extension at the superintendent's discretion. BPS has retained BPE's services in that regard since the 2015-2016 school year.
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	The Dearborn STEM Academy has been under state level 4 designation since 2010. Dearborn serves primarily African American and Latino students.
Policy Implications:	State accountability policy is tied to the Dearborn. The school is currently in level 4, for which BPE has been contracted by BPS as an operator. (Note: this is not a receivership, as would be the case in a level 5 school). If student outcomes do not improve at the Dearborn it may be eligible for a level 5 designation.
Budget Impact:	There is no immediate budget impact of this proposal.
Implications of Yes Vote:	With a yes vote, the revised MOU will take effect on July 1, 2018 at the conclusion of the current MOU on June 30, 2018.
Implications of No Vote:	With a no vote, the MOU with BPE will expire on June 30, 2018 and BPE will no longer be engaged as operator.

