

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Committee

FROM: **Eva Mitchell, Chief Accountability Officer**

CC: Superintendent Brenda Cassellius
Chief of Staff Mary Dillman
Senior Advisor Megan Costello

DATE: **June 28, 2021**

RE: Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funding Plan

Boston Public Schools (BPS) will be receiving \$400 million from the federal Elementary and Secondary Schools Emergency Relief (ESSER) Fund over the next three years.

We are in the process of creating an ESSER plan that will serve as a blueprint for allocating these funds in ways that support efforts to return students safely, recover from the impact of the pandemic, and simultaneously reimagine how we serve students and the community. Our ESSER plan will be grounded in the community-driven 2020-2025 BPS Strategic Plan, leveraging additional feedback received from many engagements we have hosted concerning this federal relief funding opportunity.

At the June 30th School Committee meeting, we will provide an update on our ESSER engagement process, the focus areas for BPS's ESSER investment, and proposed allocations to schools, district offices deploying resources across all schools, and BPS partners. We are looking for any feedback before moving forward with (1) our application to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Schools to release ESSER II funds, and (2) the ESSER Plan we are planning to release July 8, 2021 for public comment.