

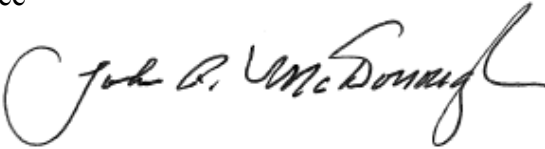
# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

### MEMORANDUM

TO: Chairperson and Members  
Boston School Committee

FROM: John P. McDonough  
Interim Superintendent 

DATE: October 1, 2014

SUBJECT: Update on the Implementation of the MA Curriculum Frameworks

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As the new school year gets underway, our academic priorities remain focused on three key areas:

- **Achievement Gap:** Defining a path and implementing an action plan to eliminate achievement gaps
- **Common Core:** Continuing the implementation of the Common Core and preparing for the PARCC assessments as a means of raising the bar for all students
- **Inclusive Practices:** Expanding access to inclusive learning opportunities for students, including increasing the number of schools offering fully inclusive programs for students with disabilities

At tonight's meeting, our Academics team will present our instructional plan of action for this year as we more deeply implement the MA Curriculum Standards, which are aligned to the Common Core and ensure a high level of rigor in core instruction for all students. As part of the presentation, Dr. de los Reyes will share the quantitative and qualitative academic targets for the year in order to be publically accountable to our students, teachers, and school leaders. Their success is our success. Kavita Venkatesh, head of Instructional Research and Development, Catherine Carney, head of Academic Intervention, and Margarita Ruiz, Network A Superintendent, will provide an update on the district's implementation of the MA Curriculum Standards to ensure strong and rigorous core instruction in every school, and in every classroom. Thank you.