

DATE: Nov. 2, 2016	TITLE OF PRESENTATION: Mattahunt Proposal
Presentation Overview:	In an effort to better meet students' needs at the "Level 4 Under Review" Mattahunt Elementary School, Boston Public Schools proposes to close the under-performing elementary school on June 30, 2017. On July 1, 2017, BPS will open a new school to serve early childhood grades K0-1, allowing for more targeted instructional and social-emotional support in early grades for students and via collaboration with community-based partners to provide more services to the Mattapan and nearby communities.
Statement of Vote:	The Boston Public Schools Committee is being asked to vote on the school's instructional and service model.
Educational and Racial Equity Implications:	Starting a school that that serves K0-1 grades will support the closing of the Opportunity and Achievement Gaps for students, 95 percent of whom are black or Latino, who attend the school as data show that kindergarten instruction is the strongest component of the current offerings; current upper-grade students will be able to transition to other higher-performing schools based on DESE level, allowing for more access to rigorous instruction that prepares students for success.
Policy Implications:	This action meets the allowed changes school districts can enact in the best interest of students attending a school designated as a Level 4 Under Review school. Mattahunt has exhausted its three-year DESE timeline to implement its initial 2012-13 turnaround plan to show dramatic, sustainable growth in student achievement. Without this action, the DESE Commissioner can use his discretion to name Mattahunt Elementary School a Level 5 school, which would place the school in the control of the State of Massachusetts for next remediation steps.
Budget Impact:	As we work with the school community and the school committee in developing the plan, we will be able to estimate the cost of the proposal we eventually submit. Currently, we are investing \$600,000 to account for the expiration of funds from the School Redesign Grant. Federal grants and community partners may help supplement the costs of the new school.
Implications of Yes Vote:	The Mattahunt Elementary School would close on June 30, 2017 and a new school serving grades K0-1 would open on July 1, 2017. Planning for the transition would move forward with local



	community and central office support.
Implications of No Vote:	The Mattahunt Elementary School would remain as a Level 4 Under Review school and is eligible to be designated as a Level 5 school at any time after mid-November 2016, which would trigger the loss of a BPS school to the State.