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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** School Committee  
**FROM:** Indira Alvarez, Chief of Operations  
**CC:** Superintendent Mary Skipper  
**DATE:** Wednesday, October 26, 2022  
**RE:** Green New Deal Updates

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The purpose of this memo is to provide you with important updates regarding the Green New Deal for Boston Public Schools. In Partnership with Chief of Operations for the City of Boston Dion Irish, Boston Public Facilities Department and BPS Keystakeholders including Academics, Family Advancement, Finance and Planning and Analysis, the Capital Planning department has updates regarding projects and strategies for our district facilities.

In order to deliver on the promise to provide a quality guarantee to the families in Boston the facilities focus lands in four areas.

- **Build New:** Constructing new buildings that have enough space for school communities and meet modern educational needs
- **Renovate:** Relatedly, renovating existing buildings to meet modern education needs
- **Solidify Pathways:** Aligned with the district policy of reducing transitions, reconfiguring schools to the PreK-6 / 7-12 model
- **Combine School Communities:** Lastly, upgrading buildings and combining resources for expanded opportunities.

In order to move forward we have identified specific tools to aid in creating clear plans for SY 2023-2024 and beyond. The Facilities Condition Assessment Project and School Design Studies.

- **Facilities Condition Assessment**

- The Operations division is conducting a Facilities Condition Assessment (FCA). The FCA will be a critical component in capital and deferred maintenance planning as well as a transparent communication tool for the BPS community. The result of this project will also inform work prioritization and support future capital planning strategy. The project has three reporting components. The FCA component focuses on the conditions of the space, the ADA component focuses on the current

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conditions of spaces to be compliant with American with Disabilities Act and the 3D Scan component will allow the district to more accurately determine space components and plan for capacity more efficiently. The field reviews are on track and we are confident it is on track for its deadline of Summer 2023.

- **School Design Studies**

- PreK-6 and 7-12 schools: Boston Public Facilities Department is working with DLR Group, Inc. to complete a School Design Study, a set of programming and design recommendations for schools to guide future renovations and construction, informed by authentic engagement with Boston community members over the next year. The
- Madison Park Technical Vocational High School: Public Facilities Department hosted meetings with the Madison Park Community announcing the study on September 27th and October 17th and are excited to move forward with visioning sessions with the community.
- McKinley Schools: Public Facilities Department is identifying an architect to perform a study identifying space configuration that will best support the school community needs.
- White Stadium: Public Facilities Department has assigned a Project Manager and is sourcing a designer to begin this study.
- Former Jackson Mann and current Horace Mann Complex.

In addition to updating the committee on these tools, we would like to share updates on current projects.

- **MSBA Core Projects:**

- Boston Arts Academy: Public Facilities Department is finalizing the last punch list items and the school has welcomed students into its new space.
- Josiah Quincy Upper School: is in the construction phase and reviewing technology packages, FFNE (furniture) and paint colors for building exterior.
- Carter School: has completed abatement of the building and is moving into demolition phase.
- Blackstone School is currently awaiting an update on status from MSBA.
- Paris St Lot: is currently awaiting update on status from MSBA.

- **Renovations and Reconfigurations:**

- Former Edwards Middle School: The project to renovate the space to be used as a swing space for the Horace Mann Community has experienced delays due to lack of

qualified bids, however we are working closely with the City's Public Facilities Department to keep you and the school community informed on the status of this project.

- Patrick John Kennedy School: Replacing the school's boilers prompted further work needed for ADA compliance. \$16 million in FY23 for a large-scale renovation to ensure compliance and upgrades, this phase is currently in design mode.
- Frederick Middle School: Renovation to support swing space for the Carter School has been completed.
- Charlestown High School: Building improvements to facilitate 7-12 conversions has been completed.
- East Boston High School: Building Improvements to facilitate 7-12 conversions has been completed.

In addition to Capital Projects the district has a series of facilities initiatives that are ongoing, these are listed below for your awareness.

- **District Initiatives.**

- *Water Fountain Installation*
- *Security Improvements*
- *Radiator Covers*
- *AC installations*
- *School Yard improvements*
- *Exterior Grounds Improvements*
- *Bathroom Renovations*
- *Accessibility Improvements*
- *Entryway Improvements*
- *Energy & Water Efficiency Upgrades*
- *Specialized Space Improvements*
- *Libraries*
- *Auditoriums*
- *Art Rooms*
- *Science Rooms*

The Green New Deal/Capital Planning department under the Operations Division is excited, dedicated and committed to this work. Delivering on these and many other district initiatives will improve our student experience and deliver on the promise of a quality guarantee.