



Academia Margarita Muñiz
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Eva Mitchell
Chief of Accountability
Boston Public Schools
2300 Washington Street
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Dear Ms. Mitchell,

On behalf of the Muñiz Academy community including our Board of Trustees, we are pleased to submit this new Innovation Proposal to request the continuance of our Autonomies for the next five year cycle, 2023 – 2027. Our proposal materials include the prior cycle's Innovation Proposal and materials along with the prior School Committee Vote in January 24, 2018.

Muñiz Academy was established as a new, start-up Innovation School in 2012 with the endorsement of the district leadership and school committee to establish the Dual Language, public high school as part of Boston Public Schools, making it the only such high school in New England. With the launch of our school, we committed to continuous innovation, sharing our work as a beacon for equity and opportunity for our youth in Boston Public Schools.

Our second proposal in 2018 sought to innovate by expanding our model to a 7-12 grade dual language model as the district sought to reframe high schools and district-wide grade configurations. Although we did receive an affirmative vote to become a 7-12 from the Boston School Committee, the vote is pending resolution of facilities considerations. We include the past proposal along with our third wave of innovation because we continue to believe that a 7-12 model is in the best interest of our youth and families at Muñiz and consistent with the district's current efforts of high school redesign and district wide reconfiguration. We stand ready.

Our third cycle of innovation deepens our current work to frame our Portrait of the Graduate, naming the skills and dispositions we required for our graduates. A key feature of this innovation is the current planning and development of our City as Campus model where students and staff will redesign learning to include the city as our landscape for learning with partners and community members. We are excited about this developing work where students will learn in and outside our school walls, have increased opportunities for early college courses and internships, and increased opportunities to partner with the community in more intentional ways.

We look forward to sharing this work with you and the broader BPS community of leaders and the Boston School Committee. As part of BPS, we are committed to forging innovation as a beacon and space for learning, sharing, and growing together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dania Vázquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Dr. Dania Vázquez, Head of School

Jan Phlegar, Muñiz Academy Board Chair