

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Committee

FROM: Senior Director of Opportunity Youth Brian Marques

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

DATE: January 12, 2022

RE: Homeless Services Overview & Impact Presentation

Beginning in SY16-17, the Homeless Education Resource Network (HERN), within the Boston Public Schools (BPS) Department of Opportunity Youth, implemented a school-based model to better support students and families experiencing homelessness. Through this model, BPS has improved access, expanded services and removed barriers for students facing housing insecurity. This presentation will highlight the strategic vision for homeless services in BPS, as well as key initiatives, outcomes and impact for precariously housed students and their families.