



# BPS HIPP 12-12-20

## Reopening Brief

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# Labor Negotiations with BTU

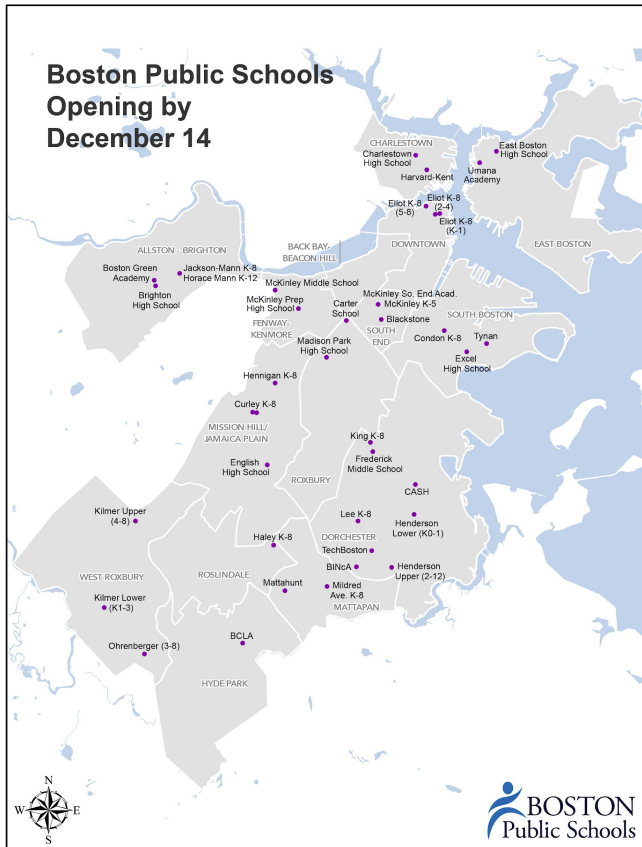
- **September 8-** School staff and BTU members report to work remotely or in-person for PD
- **September 9-** Original MOU signed
- **September 21-** All students start school remotely
- **September 29-** Signed Side Agreement to provide additional staffing flexibilities for school teams to lessen the number of persons in a building and to allow teachers to focus on serving primarily in-person or remote students rather than teaching in-person and remote students
- **October 1** Schools open for hybrid HIPP students 2-days a week
- **October 7** the positivity rate increased beyond 4% which triggered a clause in the September MOA that called for schools to close until BPHC deemed them safe to reopen, but BPHC reviewed the situation and deemed schools safe to reopen for students with high priority in-person needs on
- **Oct. 8** The BTU responded to BPS's reopening by filing a Motion for a Preliminary Injunction that would give all BTU members the option to work remotely
- **October 14** the court affirms MOU and states that BPHC will determine and approve when it is safe to have schools open
- **October 22** BPS goes all remote
- **November 15** Signed MOA for four K12 Specialized Schools (Carter, Henderson, Horace Mann, and McKinley ) outlining new health and safety protocols and equipment
- **December 14** 28 more schools set to open (1700 students)

# District/School Leader/BTU/Family Collaboration

**Strategic Commitment #3 Amplify All Voices:** *Shared decision making, mutual accountability, and partnerships*

- **Summer (July):** Reopening Task Force
  - **Purpose:** 9 groups met weekly until school opened
  - **Membership:** BTU and school leaders with district support
- **Fall (October):** Reopening Task Force Scheduling Subcommittee
  - **Purpose:** Review creative schedules to improve student learning experience and address the challenge of simultaneous teaching while limiting staff in buildings.
  - **Work to Date:** Has met weekly since Oct. 1. Approved plans from 19 schools; most schools have multiple plans generated from various teacher teams.
  - **Membership:** Co-led by BTU and district leaders. Task Force includes nine BTU members and nine school leaders.
- **Late Fall (November):** High In-Person Priority (HIPP) Task Force
  - **Purpose:** Safely and expeditiously returning students prioritized for in-person learning
  - **Work to Date:** Has met weekly since Nov. 2
  - **Membership:** 8 BTU members, 4 school leaders, 8 parents, 2 students, 4 district leaders

# Schools to Reopen 12/14/20

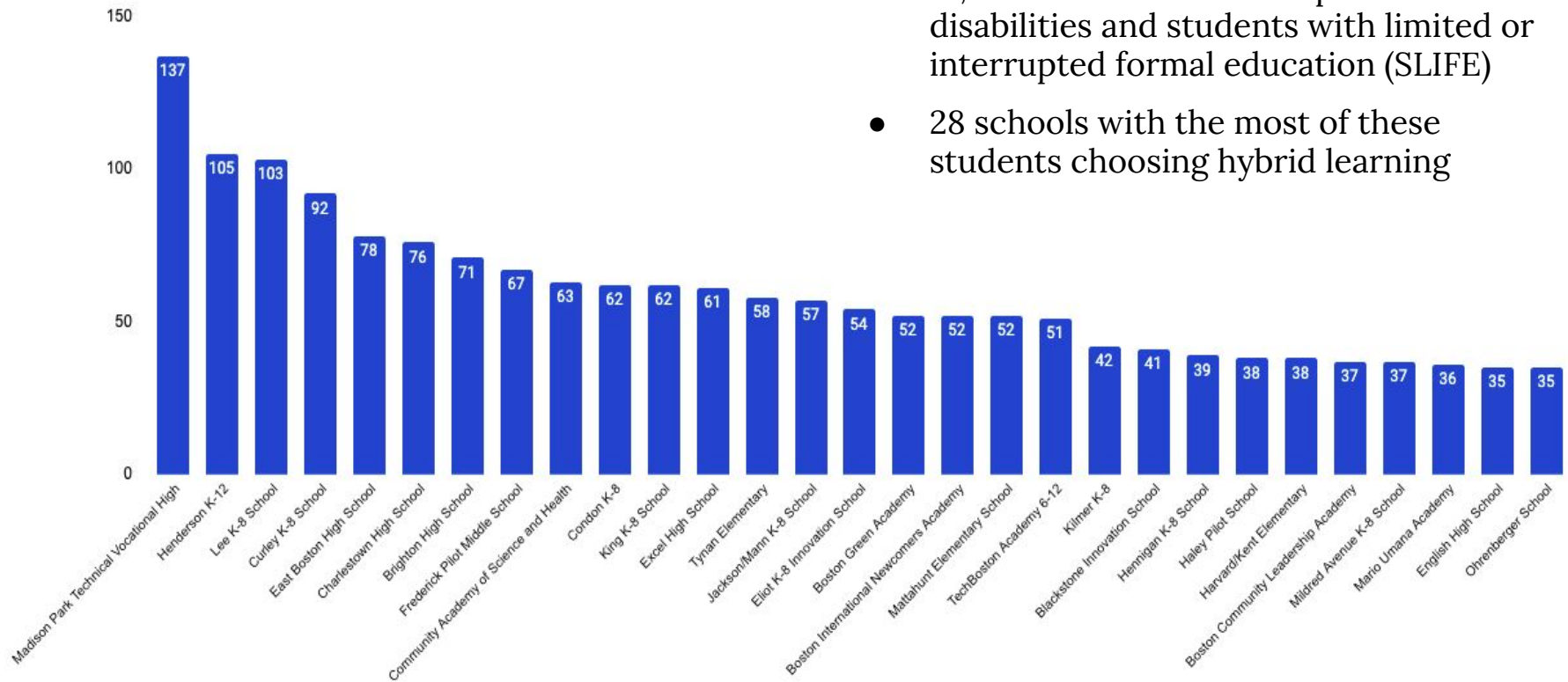


## Schools open for December 14th

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Blackstone Innovation | 17. Harvard/Kent         |
| 2. BCLA                  | 18. Henderson K-12*      |
| 3. Boston Green Academy  | 19. Hennigan K-8         |
| 4. Boston International  | 20. Horace Mann*         |
| 5. Brighton HS           | 21. Jackson/Mann K-8     |
| 6. Carter School*        | 22. Kilmer K-8           |
| 7. Charlestown HS        | 23. King K-8 School      |
| 8. CASH                  | 24. Lee K-8 School       |
| 9. Condon K-8            | 25. Madison Park HS      |
| 10. Curley K-8 School    | 26. Mario Umana          |
| 11. East Boston HS       | 27. Mattahunt Elementary |
| 12. Eliot K-8            | 28. McKinley K-12*       |
| 13. English HS           | 29. Mildred Avenue K-8   |
| 14. Excel HS             | 30. Ohrenberger School   |
| 15. Frederick Pilot MS   | 31. TechBoston Academy   |
| 16. Haley Pilot School   | 32. Tynan Elementary     |

\* School opened on Nov. 16th

# Schools Returning Students In-Person



- ~1,700 students with complex disabilities and students with limited or interrupted formal education (SLIFE)
- 28 schools with the most of these students choosing hybrid learning

# Health and Safety

- Boston Public Health Commission sign off on all school plans
- HVAC or portable air purifiers in all instructional spaces, medical waiting areas, and nurses offices
- Data loggers RFP has been initiated (Central monitoring of CO2, Temperature, and other air quality measures)
- In consultation with Dr. Allen from Harvard School of Public Health, BPS Custodians and BPS Environmental Division continue to follow BPHC and CDC-approved cleaning and air quality protocols
- Increased medical grade PPE where needed and 3 month supply of cleaning materials and PPE
- Weekly COVID testing available for all staff and students (pilot) at each school serving 9-12 students
- Staff at K-8 schools will test at 4 locations throughout the city
- Room capacity allows for 6-foot social distancing
- Minimizing total number of persons in spaces and interactions and mixing of people

# Reopening Update - Health, Contact Tracing and Communications Protocols

- **Covid Precautions**
  - Sick individuals must stay home,
  - seek testing,
  - can return only with documentation of:
    - a negative COVID test - or -
    - note from a medical provider
- **Mitigation and containment efforts**
  - Maintaining 6 feet distance
  - Mask wearing for all
  - Prompt close contact identification
  - Standing cleaning protocols
- **Communications**
  - Close contacts notified by phone
  - Non-close contacts notified via School Messenger
  - BPS publishes positive cases in buildings
- **Notification to DESE**
  - Positive cases are reported to DESE
  - DESE does not publish remote cases
- **MA Mobile Testing Unit:**
  - BPS in consultation with the BPHC may request deployment of a state-sponsored mobile testing unit when transmission/exposure is likely to have occurred within a 14-day period:
    - **Classroom testing:** 2 or more cases in 1 classroom test positive
    - **Classroom/Cohort testing:** 3 or more individuals or 3%, whichever greater
    - **School testing:** more than 3% of a school tests positive
    - **Bus testing:** 2 or more individuals within the same bus test positive