

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



Date: October 29, 2019
To: Boston School Committee
cc: Superintendent Brenda Cassellius
From: Dr. Hardin Coleman, BSC member, and chair, School Quality Work Group II
Re: Proposed Co-Chair

As chair of the School Quality Work Group II, I would like to nominate Marinell Rousmaniere to serve as co-chair. Ms. Rousmaniere has served as a consistent and valuable member of the School Quality Work Group (SQWG) since its inception more than six years ago, serving as co-chair of the data subcommittee. Ms. Rousmaniere is the President and CEO of EdVestors, a BPS parent, an active member of the Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force, and a respected thought-partner.

The SQWG was established by the Boston School Committee in 2013 in response to a recommendation by the External Advisory Committee on School Choice (EAC). In the fall of 2014, the Boston School Committee voted to adopt the School Quality Framework (SQF) developed by the SQWG with input from a broad and diverse set of community stakeholders. The Framework aims to provide a holistic measure of school quality includes both measures of quality and features or attributes of a school that may play a role in school quality for families and students.

The Framework has several purposes:

- To inform school choice by giving families more information about schools and helping to determine the school choices available to students
- To ensure transparency around school quality in order to promote greater public accountability
- To educate stakeholders about the many aspects of school quality

In the fall of 2016, the Boston School Committee established the School Quality Work Group II (SQWG II), chaired by me, to serve as ambassadors and accountability partners during the Framework's implementation phase. The School Committee approved the Revised School Quality Framework in July 2019.

We look forward to discussing Ms. Rousmaniere's nomination with the Committee at its October 30th meeting. We respectfully request the Committee's approval on November 6th.