

MEMORANDUM

TO: School Committee

FROM: Dr. Silvia Romero-Johnson

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

DATE: 5/19/2021

RE: 5/26/2021 Grading School Committee Presentation

As a district, we are working toward changing our grading policies to ensure we have consistent grading practices across the district. By focusing on equitable grading practices, we can better ensure that grades provide an accurate representation of student learning across the district. On the 26th of May, we will present a summary of work to date regarding the BPS grading policy and report cards. We will discuss District-wide concerns regarding the variability between grading practices in and between schools. We will review the engagement work to date, including school leader focus groups and BSAC feedback, and the work done through the grading task force. The presentation will end by sketching out the plan to revise current grading practices to more equitable practices, with a focus on realignment to MA Framework standards and standards-based grading in K-5. In addition, we will outline work to be done next year through a school leader PLC on how to align this work across the district.