

A blue-tinted photograph of two young boys in a classroom. The boy on the left is leaning his head against the boy on the right, who is smiling broadly. They are both wearing maroon polo shirts. The boy on the right has a crest on his shirt that says "GARDNER" and "PLU" below it. The background shows a classroom setting with desks and other students.

# BPS School Reopening Update

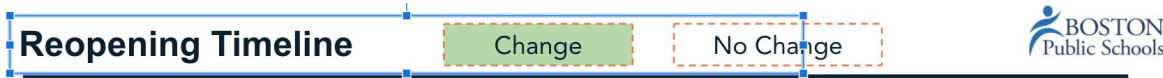
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# Update on Phase In Delay and MOU

## ● Daily Percent of Tests That Are Positive

7 Day Moving Average (as of 10/3) **4.1%**



GETTING READY	September 8 - 18	Teachers Prepare + Family Engagement Student Tech CheckUp / Log On Test
Phase 01	September 21	Remote Learning - all students
Phase 02	October 1 <i>No sooner than</i> October 13	Students with highest needs start 2 days Day school high needs students start 4 days
Phase 03	<i>No sooner than</i> October 22 & 26 B/A	Grades K0 - 3 start
Phase 04	<i>No sooner than</i> November 5 & 9 B/A <i>No sooner than</i> November 16 & 19 A/B	Grades 4 - 8 (Secondary schools begin 6-8) Grades 9 - 12 High Schools start

## Timeline:

- Sept. 29 Side Agreement to MOA signed for flexibility in scheduling Remote/Hybrid
- High Priority Students started Oct. 1
- Oct. 6- 4.1 Positivity Rate
- Oct. 7 All Remote
- Oct. 7 BPHC announces BPS can open for HIPP students
- Oct. 8 Reopen for HIPP students - BTU filed Actions
- # Teachers reporting to work today

# BPS Ready - Updates

## Enrollment:

- **Outreach and registration efforts**
  - Remote service covering all family languages
  - Continued outreach using ethnic radio, television and newspapers, CBOs, traditional media and newer mechanisms like iheart radio
  - Trained family liaisons will support with continued outreach and support for their school and district-wide
- 53,890 students enrolled for SY20-21 (as of September 1)
  - 55,230 students enrolled for SY19-20 (as of 9/1/19)
- As of 10/6, the number of students for SY20-21 is 51,231.
  - 53,534 students enrolled for SY19-20 (as of 10/1/19)
- Break down by grade for SY20-21:
  - 6,265 in grades K0-K2
  - 18,399 in grades 1-5
  - 10,770 in grades 6-8
  - 15,797 in grades 9-12

# BPS Ready - Updates

## Technology:

- **Devices**
  - 20,000 additional Chromebooks deliveries to schools underway, starting with our transformation schools
  - Headphones will be delivered to all schools by end of week
- **Internet**
  - 1,400 new hotspots distributed starting 9/28 to homeless/mobile students
  - Comcast Internet Essentials funding vouchers will be provided to families in need of financial assistance
- **Classroom Technology**
  - 3,500 cameras delivered to schools

## Attendance:

- First two weeks of school attendance was consistent with previous years with an average of 91% present
- Approximately 890 students did not start this year, down from 1150 in 2019 and 1419 in 2018
  - Asian - 6%
  - Black - 37%
  - Latinx -46%
  - White - 7%
  - Native American & Other - 5%
- Daily attendance is tracked as in-person and remote absent/present (req. By DESE) and we are seeing approximately 1300 students in-person each day.

# BPS Ready - Food & Nutrition

- Meal Service for **Remote Learning**
  - Meals available at 26 school sites citywide
  - Added survey cards to all boxes distributed and delivered to obtain feedback from parents and students
  - In the 4 days, have served over 350,000 meals
  - Quality Control processes emphasized at both vendor and school sites
  - Changes implemented regarding portion size, packaging and variety
- Meal Service for **Hybrid Learning**
  - 98.2% of meal service plans finalized
  - Students can take home packs of 3 breakfasts/3 lunches
    - Changed boxes to bags
- **Other Updates**
  - 91.3% of Health inspections completed (as of 10/7)
  - Continuation of Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) in 65 schools
  - Updated P-EBT data was submitted on September 18th
    - Notifications will be sent in October to families

# BPS Ready - Transportation

## STATUS UPDATE - FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL

### Operations for our students

- **Yellow bus:** Major improvements

### Communications with families and school leaders

- **Call Center:** 26 hotline workers have taken 1500+ calls from schools and families through 4 days
  - Significant challenges on days 1 and 2 (average 8+ min wait times for families)
  - Wait times averaging 1:27 for week 2 so far. Continuing to improve and monitor closely
- **Families:** Mailers continuing to be sent with Transportation updates, with the addition of email this year as well
- **School leaders:** Handbook sent out with all details
- **Ongoing comms:** Notify school leaders and families about severe delays as we learn of them daily. Monitoring bus routes that have had issues on multiple days to resolve repeat issues

## CRITICAL NEXT STEPS

### Upcoming work on bus routes & scheduling

- **4 days per week HIPP** students, routing at 500 per week
- **New A/B assignments**, a large number came through this week
- **Normal student changes** (e.g., school assignment changes, address changes)

### Continuing to work to improve TransDev & bus yard operations

- There were serious with on time performance (OTP) challenges on days 1 and 2 of school due to a variety of issues.
- Over the weekend, Transdev and BPS worked on a number of solutions that were rolled out week 2. For week 2, so far, 88% OTP -> 90%+ OPT. Continuing to monitor closely.