

To: Boston School Committee  
From: UP Academy Boston and UP Academy Dorchester  
Date: May 11, 2022  
Re: UP Academy Boston and UP Academy Dorchester Schedule Amendment

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We are requesting an amendment to update our yearly schedule from 185 days of school to 180 days of school, in alignment with the rest of BPS and the other schools in our network. We have received ongoing feedback from families, students, and staff requesting to reduce the school year to 180 days, and this amendment is in response to that feedback. This change will:

- Ease the scheduling burden on families with students in other BPS schools by more closely aligning our calendar with the rest of Boston Public Schools.
- Create a more sustainable school year for students, families, and staff - particularly in this challenging COVID year.
- Mitigate transportation challenges for families that arise from having a significantly earlier start date than other BPS schools.
- Save BPS money by removing the additional week of bus costs that is currently required from having a 185-day school year.