

# WINTHROP INNOVATION PLAN

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# John Winthrop Elementary School

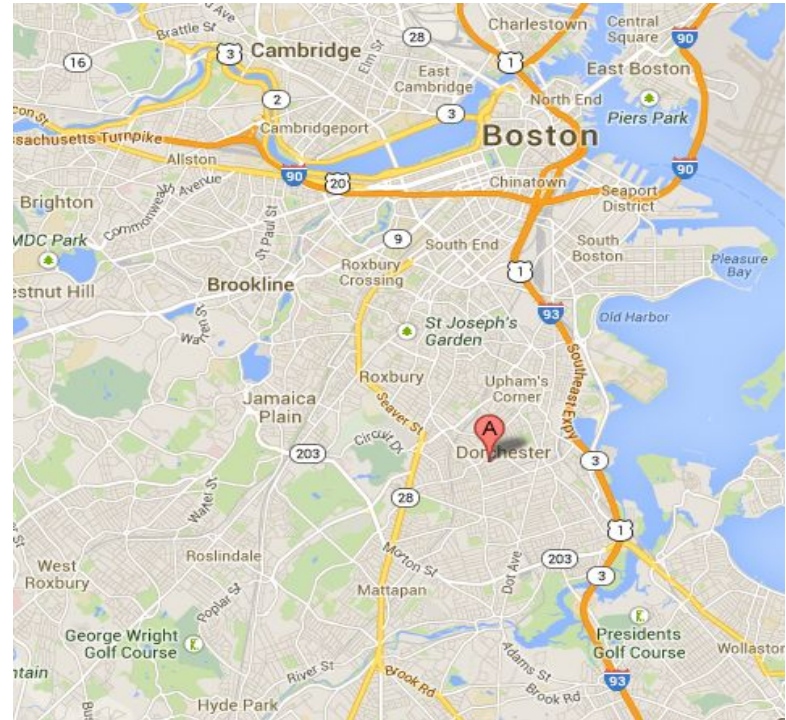
35 Brookford Street  
Dorchester, MA 02125

Grades Offered: K1-5  
Hours: 8:30 am - 3:00pm  
Students: 295

**Principal:** Leah Blake McKetty

**Partners:** Campus Kitchens,  
Dimock Health Center, Girl  
Scouts, Natixis Investment  
Managers, Reebok BOKS,  
Strong Women Strong Girls,  
YMCA, City Sprouts, City  
Connects

## Location



## The Winthrop's Turnaround Journey:

Designated Turnaround in 2013-14  
Exited Pending Assurances 2018-19

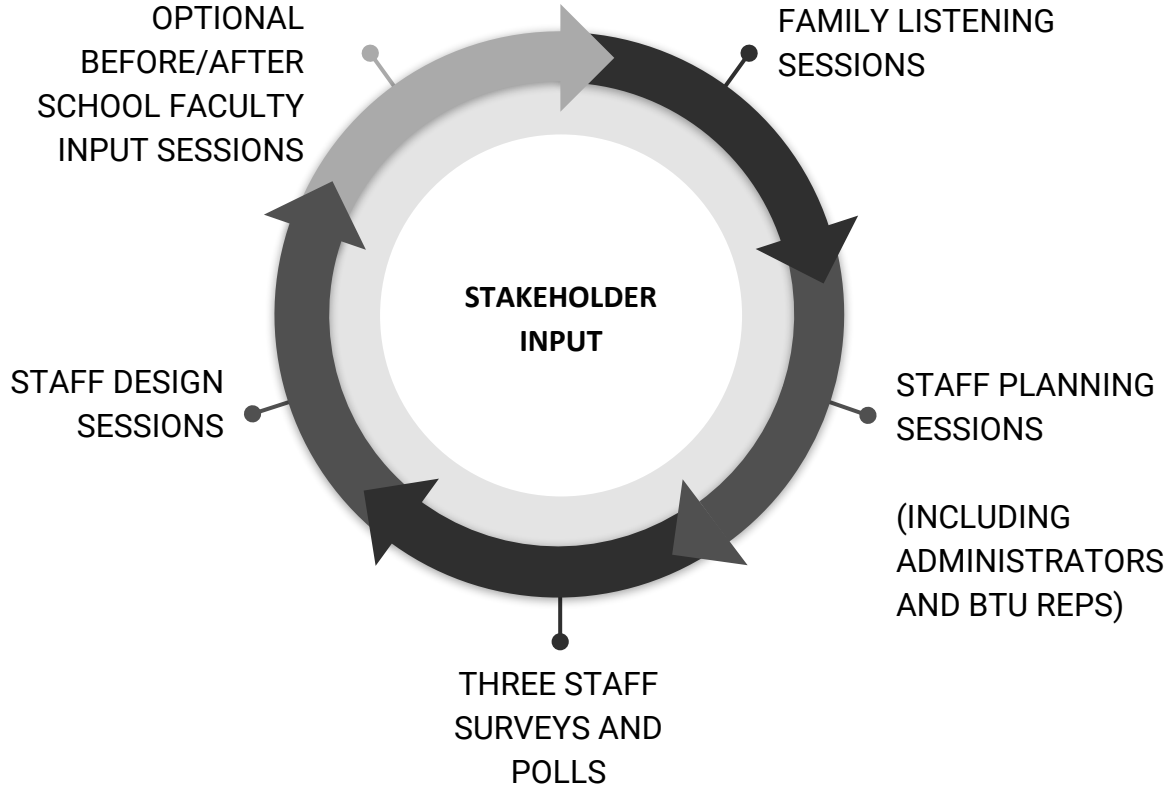
79% Meeting Targets

Subject	2017-2018 Target	2017-2018 Actual	SGP increase Since 2013
ELA	487.4	488.5 (Average Scaled Score)	18%
Math	491.4	488.7 (Average Scaled Score)	23%
Science	56.6 (CPI)	60.2 (CPI)	--

## Autonomies That Have Been Critical to Our Success:

School Schedule	The flexibility to adapt our schedule to meet the different needs of our students and teachers
Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	Adopt curricula that accelerate learning for our students
Professional Development	Additional hours of professional development for teachers
Staffing	Ensuring our kids have high-quality and dedicated teachers
School Day	Maintaining an extended school day to provide intervention time dedicated to reteaching skills and strategies

# Innovation Planning Process



## Our Future Vision

*All students will have access to rigorous instruction, complex tasks, and preparation in reasoning skills that will prepare them for lifelong learning and careers. These skills are essential for students to gain conceptual knowledge to analyze information and engage in topics and discussions that are relevant to their lives as citizens. This will encourage students to cultivate interest in careers in science, and to apply their critical reasoning skills to their future studies and diverse life paths.*

# Innovation Plan Highlights

<b>School Schedule</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Intervention time dedicated to reteaching skills and strategies</li><li>➤ Double science blocks in grades 3-5</li></ul>
<b>Curriculum, Instruction &amp; Assessment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ ELA curricula connected to STE standards to build critical thinking and enhance current BPS curriculum to meet the needs of all learners</li></ul>
<b>Professional Development &amp; Collaboration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ 60 hours of professional development targeting planning and collaboration connected to standards</li><li>➤ Three day teacher summer institute dedicated to planning with a focus on data, standards, and differentiation</li></ul>
<b>School Day</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Maintain an extended school day to provide intervention time dedicated to reteaching skills and strategies</li></ul>
<b>Staffing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Maintain high quality and dedicated teachers</li></ul>
<b>Budget</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>➤ Strategically use funding to support student success</li></ul>

# Innovation School Approval Process

State laws and regulations outline the process for schools to gain Innovation status, authorized by School Committees:

1. Prospectus Prepared
2. Screening Committee Approves Prospectus
3. Innovation Plan Committee Formed
4. Innovation Plan Committee Develops and Completes Plan
5. School Faculty Approved the Plan by 2/3 Majority (Vote passed unanimous of staff approval)
6. School Committee Votes to Authorize the Innovation School



## Innovation School Vote Statement

The John Winthrop Elementary School Innovation Plan (including the autonomies therein) is approved for operation as an Innovation School, beginning in the 2019-2020 school year, for a period of three school years.

# Questions?