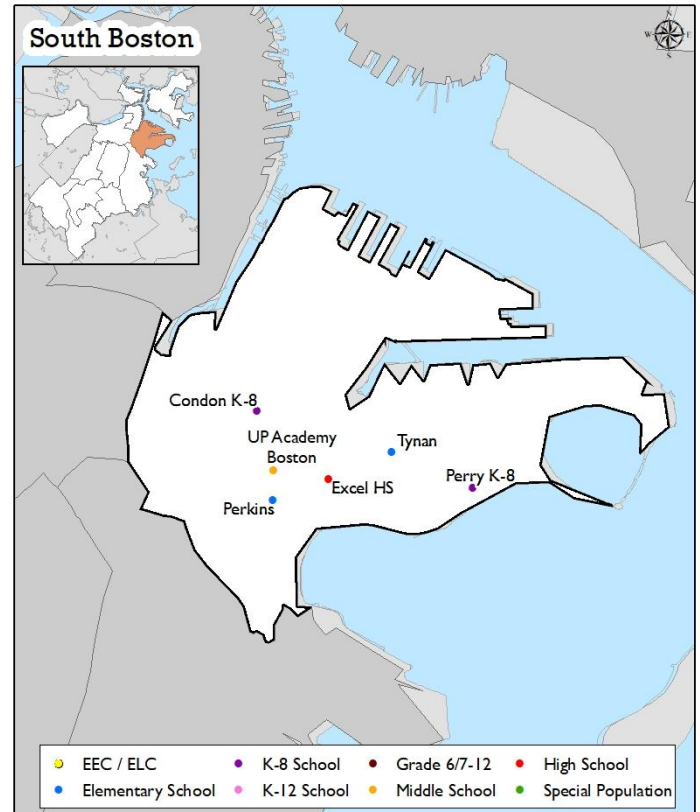


## South Boston

### Summary

South Boston is one of the least populous neighborhoods in the city in terms of its student population. It is home to roughly 4 percent of all BPS students. It has six buildings and six schools: one high school, two K-8s, two K-5 elementary schools, and one standalone middle school.

South Boston is one of the few neighborhoods in Boston where there are more than enough elementary seats to serve the local population. On average, there are 1.8 seats available within 1 mile for every student. This is partially caused by declining enrollment at a few of the elementary schools in the area in recent years. However, there is less excess seat capacity in South Boston than this figure would suggest, as students from other, denser parts of the City have access to and attend schools in South Boston.



### By the Numbers

All student data below refers to students living in the neighborhood(s).

#### Total Students

Total school aged children living in South Boston	2,732
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	1,953
% of school aged children attending BPS	71%
% of total BPS population living in South Boston	4%

#### Building and School Information

Number of buildings	6
Number of schools	6
Number of grade configurations	5

#### Racial Demographics of BPS Students (All Grades)

#### Elementary Seat Access (BPS Students)

Average students per seat within 1 mile	0.56
Average students per seat on school choice list	0.55
% of students traveling less than 1 mile to	64%

% Asian	7.7%
% Black	19.9%
% Hispanic	41.2%
% Other	2.9%

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% of students traveling more than 2 miles to school

15% % White

28.3%

**Special Populations (BPS Students All Grades)**

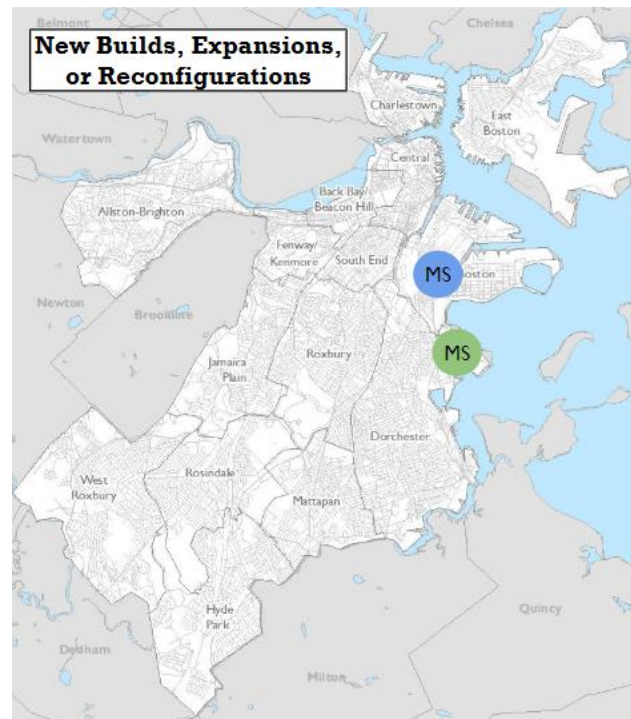
% of students with ELD Levels 1 to 3	14%
% of students with disabilities	19%

**New Builds or Expansions**

As stated previously, South Boston has more elementary school space than students. As a result, the neighborhood does not meet our current criteria for new buildings.

**Middle School Reconfigurations**

South Boston is home to the UP Boston middle school. UP Boston is a unique middle school because it is a Horace Mann (in-district) charter school and the only middle school without elementary school guaranteed pathways. There are no current plans to reconfigure the middle school. However, BPS and UP Network have agreed on the need to work together to make sure that UP Boston’s configurations work with area schools.



In addition to UP Boston, the closure of the McCormack prior to the 2020-2021 academic school year will impact students in South Boston. The Tynan and the Perkins elementary schools currently have a guaranteed pathway to the McCormack in 6th grade. When the McCormack closes, the Tynan and the Perkins will each add a 6th grade. The following school year, students exiting the 6th grade will have the option of attending 7th grade at Excel, which will expand to a 7-12 school in the 2020-2021 school year.

**High School Proposals**

Excel High School will be renovated during the summer of 2020 so that it can open as a 7-12 school in the fall of that year. The initial cohort of 7th and 8th grade students will consist primarily of students moving from the McCormack Middle School, which will close at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. However, it will accept students citywide thereafter and will continue to operate as a 7-12 in subsequent school years.

**Elementary School Proposals**

The Tynan and the Perkins elementary schools will expand to become K-6 schools in the fall of 2020, and will be among the first BPS K-5 schools to add 6th grade. During the community engagement process, the Perry K-8 school community will be engaged around its interest in converting into a K-6 school. A similar community conversation can be started with the Condon K-8, but any reconfiguration would need to be timed with the opening of a 7-12 in the McCormack building.

**IV. Conclusion**

As the fourth year of BuildBPS is underway, BPS looks forward to connecting with and engaging students, families, staff, partners and community members to share and unpack the proposed plan. The proposal reflects the district's best thinking and expertise as well as priorities generated by the community. This proposed plan marks the beginning of ten-years of facilities development, but 2027 will not be the end. Rather, learning from the current process will inform how the district conducts the following ten years and ensures that Boston Public School facilities can be leveraged and keep pace with the type of learning our students will need well into the future.