Boston Public Schools

BuildBPS Update
East Boston Community Meeting

June 8, 2021
Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent
Nathan Kuder, Chief Financial Officer
Dr. Tommy Welch, Elementary School Superintendent
Agenda

- Our Vision For Excellent School Buildings
- Capital Projects Timeline and Educational Program Design Needs
- Reimagining Our Schools: Community Conversation
Capital Plan Must Be Driven By Student Outcomes

Equitable Academic Access
- Predictable pathways
- Access to high quality Pre-K
- Graduate students ready for college, career, and life

Excellent Buildings
- Launch a cycle of new school buildings
- Give students excellent options close to home
- Renovate existing facilities

Predictability and Transparency
- Authentic partnership in decision making
- Equity-centered strategic planning
- Transparency in our data to empower our community
New Buildings: Proposed FY23 Projects

New school buildings
1. Dorchester PK-6
2. Roxbury PK-6
3. East Boston Expansion
4. Horace Mann School for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
5. Allston-Brighton PK-6
Progress towards our goal of 2-3 new buildings every year

Current and proposed projects by anticipated completion year and current project phase.

- **Fall 2022**
  - Boston Arts Academy
    - In Construction
- **Fall 2023**
  - Edwards Renovation
  - BCLA-McCormack
    - In Design (Phase 1&2)
- **Fall 2024**
  - Carter School
    - In Design
  - Josiah Quincy Upper School
    - In Design
  - East Boston PK-6 Expansion
    - In Design
  - Timilty Renovation
  - Irving Renovation
- **Fall 2025**
  - New Roxbury PK-6
  - New Dorchester PK-6
- **Fall 2026**
  - Horace Mann School
    - MSBA Submission
  - Allston-Brighton PK-6
    - MSBA Submission
  - 2-3 New Builds Per Year
  - Full list coming Fall 2021

**Key**

- **Existing Projects**
- **New Proposals**
East Boston Neighborhood Data

### Neighborhood Data

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<tr>
<td>Total school aged children living in East Boston</td>
<td>6,559</td>
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<td>Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)</td>
<td>5,550</td>
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<td>% of school aged children attending BPS</td>
<td>85%</td>
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<td>% of total BPS population living in East Boston</td>
<td>11%</td>
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### Current School Configuration

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<td>East Boston EEC</td>
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<td>Elementary K-6</td>
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<td>Adams, Alighieri, O’Donnell, Otis, PJ Kennedy, Guild, and Bradley</td>
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<td>East Boston High School</td>
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The James Otis Elementary is being prioritized for usage of the Paris Street Property

- The Otis has over 400 students (three strands) - flexible scheduling/cohorts and aligned with BuildBPS fact base
- Attaching the 189 Paris St property to an existing school eliminates the need to add another small elementary school
- Added 21st Century learning space (for example a science lab)
- Space for 6th grade classrooms (currently in 350 sq ft classrooms)
- Arts space (Otis has Theater, Music, and Art on a cart - no classrooms)
Life Skills Room Design @ BCLA/McCormack
All Capital Projects are budgeted following the same process

BPS works closely with the City’s Public Facilities Department (PFD) and Office of Budget Management (OBM) to include school projects in the capital budget proposal for the City of Boston.

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<td>Capital planning process begins</td>
<td>November - December</td>
<td>BPS, PFD, and OBM work together to understand the full scope of projects, determine cost and necessary resources.</td>
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<td>Department review meetings and budget development</td>
<td>January - February</td>
<td>BPS and OBM meet to review the projects, analyze the costs and timelines, set overall priorities across project categories and determine final cost estimates for projects</td>
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<td>Budget Proposal</td>
<td>April</td>
<td>On the second Wednesday in April, the Mayor proposes the Capital Budget to the City Council</td>
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<td>Budget Hearings &amp; Vote</td>
<td>April - June</td>
<td>City Council holds a series of hearings on the City budget, ending in a vote in June</td>
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<td>Projects Begin</td>
<td>July</td>
<td>After the budget is formally adopted on July 1st, design for Capital projects can begin (construction starts after design)</td>
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Capital Construction timelines vary by project scope

Despite following the same budget process, projects can take anywhere from 1 to 8 years to go complete design and construction.

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<th>Project Category</th>
<th>Example Projects</th>
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<td>New Builds &amp; Expansions</td>
<td>■ Dearborn, Carter School</td>
<td>6-8 years</td>
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<td>Real Estate Management</td>
<td>■ Paris Street Acquisition</td>
<td>1-3 years</td>
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<td>Renovations &amp; Reconfigurations</td>
<td>■ Fenway High School</td>
<td>3-4 years</td>
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<td>District-Wide Investments</td>
<td>■ My Way Cafe, Fresh Water Initiative</td>
<td>1-2 Years</td>
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<td>Capital Repairs</td>
<td>■ Roof, window, boiler replacements</td>
<td>Simple Repairs: 1 Year</td>
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<td>Roof Project: 2-3 Years</td>
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Reimagining our Schools:
Excellent buildings that promote health, enhance learning, and motivate students
We’ve met with families, school leaders, and community to share updates or get input

- **Most Recent East Boston Community Meetings:** 1/28/19 (Parent Group), 1/7/21 (Community)
- **School Choice/Pathways:** Families need support with choices and priority seats in top choice schools.
- **Equity:** Need equity analysis completed
- **7-12 Expansion:** Share an array of program offerings and offer support on choices (ie. IB and AP)
- **Special Education:** Offer smooth transition support especially for students with special needs
- **Paris Street Parcel:** Want community engagement process on what happens to this space
- **Facilities Upgrades:** Air quality and bathrooms need major upgrades
As we think about expanding the Otis Elementary School:

- How do we design the space to serve the school community’s needs?
- What design elements are crucial to providing students with academic excellence and robust learning opportunities?
- Opportunity for expanded extracurricular activities and partnerships - what would you want to see?
Upcoming Engagement to be Scheduled:

- We are finding more spaces to spend time with the community during the Fall and will follow up with additional engagement sessions.
- This will be joint collaboration between City of Boston Public Facilities Department and Boston Public Schools BuildBPS. During the summer BBPS and PFD will meet to bring an update with next steps, including feedback from the community.
- Please reach out with any questions: buildbps@bostonpublicschools.org