

## **Exam Schools Admissions Update – March 18, 2021**

Prospective Exam School Families:

Thank you again for your interest in BPS Exam Schools and for your patience throughout the admissions process. As noted in our previous letter, we are committed to sharing important information about exams schools with all families, and we are writing today to provide the most recent updates.

This letter contains updates and more details on the following items:

- Invitations to Exam Schools
- Supporting SPED and EL students in Exam Schools
- O’Bryant School grade 10 admission update

### **Invitations to Exam Schools**

On Tuesday, March 16, in a court hearing for the ongoing lawsuit regarding this year’s Exam School admissions process, the judge stated his goal is to provide a decision on the case by April 15, 2021. This lawsuit directs our timeline for informing families about Exam School admissions. We will move forward as soon as possible.

We will also share any impact the case has on the admissions timeline directly with families and on our website. Updates will be available every two weeks, including adding information to the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) section as we receive inquiries.

### **Supporting SPED and EL Students**

The Boston Public Schools values inclusive education and works to prepare students for success within the broader community. We are excited to welcome new students to our Exam Schools this year. The Offices of Special Education and English Learners will work with Exam School staff to ensure we provide the supports and services necessary to meet students’ needs.

In addition to the support students receive in school, entering students will have the opportunity to participate in a Spring academic program. Additionally, students may participate in a summer program offered at the Exam School in which they are enrolled.

For questions about special education , please contact the Office of Special Education at [specialeducation@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:specialeducation@bostonpublicschools.org) or (617) 635-8599. For information about English learner services please contact the Office of English Learners at [oell@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:oell@bostonpublicschools.org) or (617) 635-9435.

### **O’Bryant School grade 10 admission update**

BPS has determined that we are unable to invite additional 10th grade students to attend the John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science this year. This decision was based on the

number of 9th grade students already enrolled at the school and the number we expect to return next year, as well as an analysis of the physical classroom space available in the building. We have communicated this decision directly to impacted families, and we are working to make sure all students have access to rigorous learning opportunities and an excellent, equitable education.

Thank you,  
Office of Welcome Services  
Boston Public Schools