



UPDATE ON SIXTH GRADE CHOICE BASKETS IN RESPONSE TO HOME-BASED EQUITY ANALYSIS REPORT

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Background

- BARI equity analysis identified an issue with 6th grade choice lists
- Many lists did not contain the guaranteed minimum number of quality schools

Simplified Choice List Generation

- 1. Two closest Tier I** schools (straight-line distance)
- 2. Four closest Tier I & 2** schools (straight-line distance)
- 3. Six closest Tier I ,2 & 3** schools (straight-line distance)
4. All schools that are within one mile from the student's home address (straight-line distance)
5. Three closest option schools (straight-line distance)
6. Closest Early Education Center or Early Learning Center (straight-line distance)
7. Any valid sibling school options, based on the school assignment of other siblings assigned to a BPS school
8. Add all citywide schools and corresponding regional schools
- 9. Adjust the list to show only schools that offer a grade appropriate program for the student.**

Example: Mattapan 6th grade student (K2 list)

School	Tier		School	Tier
Mattahunt Elementary	no tier		Conley Elementary	2
Chittick Elementary	2		Taylor Elementary	1
Young Achievers K-8	2		Sumner Elementary	3
Mildred Ave K-8	1		Bates Elementary	1
Ellison/Parks Early Ed	no tier		UP Academy Dorchester	no tier
Haley Pilot School	1		Hernandez K-8	4
Philbrick Elementary	2		Dudley Street Neighborhood School	no tier
PA Shaw	no tier			

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PA Shaw	no tier		Irving (PATHWAY)	2
			TechBoston Academy	no tier
			Timilty	4
			UP Academy Boston	1
			Boston Green Academy	no tier

Choice list analysis

BPS' comprehensive analysis of student choice lists for 2017-2018 registration determined;

- All choice lists met the minimum quality guarantee for students entering grades K2-5
- Not an issue for high school (citywide - not HBAP)
- Lists for the following grades did not meet minimum quality guarantee as follows:
 - 6th grade - 63%
 - 7th grade - 18%
 - 8th grade - 19%
 - K1 - 7%

Update

- Initial list construction will follow the K2 method
- Added a check for minimum quality guarantee
- Schools will be added to choice lists to meet minimum quality guarantee
- Currently testing to ensure problem-free
- Implementation by November 17 (Showcase)

Impact on transportation

- Transportation for 6th grade students may require additional bus routes/buses at an anticipated cost of approximately \$500,000-\$750,000
- 7th and 8th graders either have T passes or door-to-door transportation (costs should remain approximately the same)

Thank you!