



Boston Public Schools

BuildBPS Update
Washington Irving
Community Meeting

September 28, 2021

Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent of Boston Public Schools

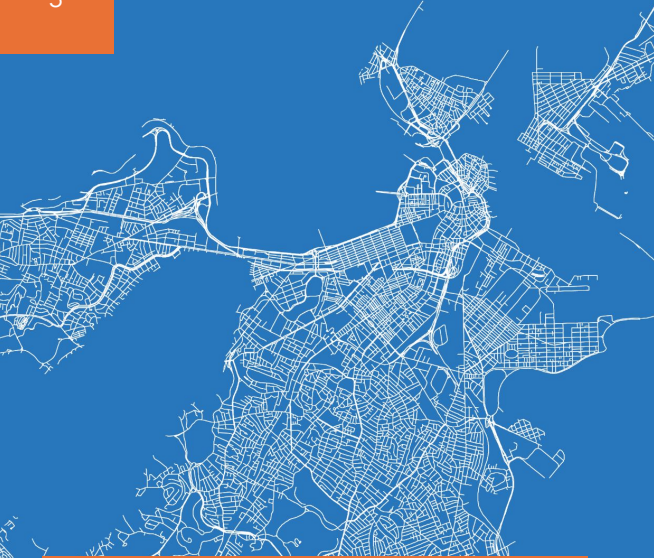
Nate Kuder, Chief Financial Officer of Boston Public Schools

Washington Irving School



Agenda

- Welcome
- Timeline for closure and School Choice Process
- Supports for students



Update

The Washington Irving School will close in June 2022 at the end of this school year as announced in May 2021

The final proposal to close the Irving will be presented to the School Committee for a vote in late October

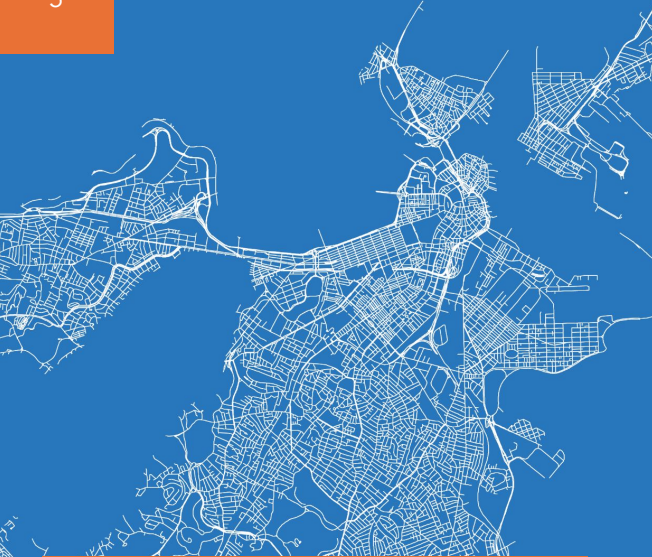
- The building will be renovated and converted to a K-6 elementary school to house one or more of the current Roslindale elementary schools.
- The goal is to use the renovated building to help transition all Roslindale elementary schools to K-6, which will involve moving and/or merging schools.
- The district is putting in place a number of additional resources to support students and families through the transition.



Starting in January 2022 at the earliest, students will re-enter the school choice process for Fall 2022

- Grade 8 students will transition to a BPS school serving grade 9 in Fall 2022. Grade 9 school choice begins in January 2022.
- Students in all other grades will receive priority in the student assignment process for their new school for September of 2022.
 - For current grade 6 students, the choice process begins in January 2022.
 - For current grade 7 students, the choice process begins in February 2022.
- Recognizing that many students will go through an unplanned transition, the district is putting in place a number of additional supports to help students, families and staff through the transition

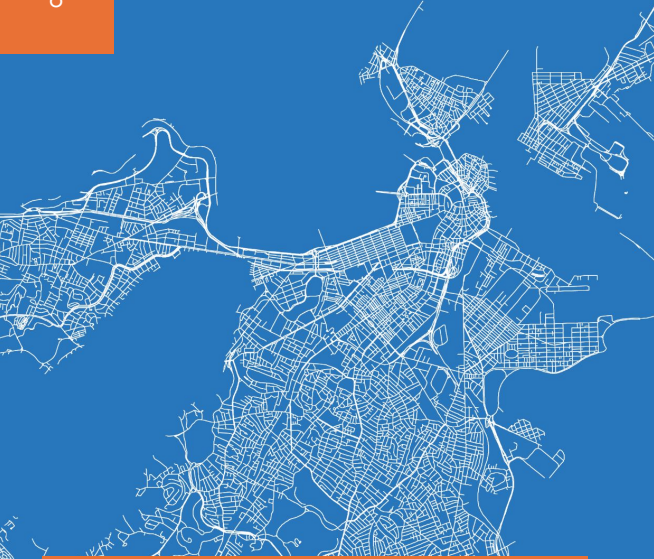
School Choice and Process by Grade



Student and Family Supports

Students and families will be supported throughout this process:

- **Transition Coordinator**
 - The district is hiring a school-based transition coordinator whose role is to support students and families through the transition
 - They will provide one-on-one transition services and case management for students
 - They will partner with other school staff and district offices to coordinate resources and services for students and families
- **Welcome Services**
 - Will host Satellite offices (Pop-up Center) to support families
 - Work with Family Liaison to inform families of Showcase of Schools and School Preview Times.
 - All families will receive Continuous Choice forms to support families with the transfer and registration process



Next Steps

- We are in the final stages of hiring the Transition Coordinator.
- Information about dates and times to meet with the Welcome Center will be shared with the school community in the next several weeks.
- Please reach out with any questions: buildbps@bostonpublicschools.org