

**SUBJECT: McCormack Middle School Update on School Committee Agenda**

December 15, 2020

Dear McCormack Middle School community,

Boston Public Schools (BPS) provided an update on the McCormack Middle School at the [Boston School Committee on December 2](#) as part of our BuildBPS work. The update covered the planned merger between the McCormack and Boston Community Leadership Academy at the McCormack School campus. This message includes reminders on the opportunities we have provided to learn about the plans as they were developed. The School Committee is expected to vote on the proposed merger at their meeting on December 16.

We proposed the merger as part of our larger efforts to create clearer pathways for students to minimize transitions between schools. To achieve this, BPS is phasing out our standalone middle schools and creating more K-6 and 7-12 schools.

The phasing out of middle schools was announced in May 2019 to the School Committee and school communities. In November 2019, we announced that **the McCormack Middle School and BCLA would begin planning to merge**. In July 2020, the design team was launched composed of educators from the two schools. The design team meets weekly and has held 20 meetings to date. Most recently, staff from both schools met last month with a BCLA Governing Board meeting on November 4, BCLA staff meeting on November 5, and a McCormack staff meeting on November 6.

We hope you had an opportunity to attend the November 14th community meeting for the two school communities. Below you will find the link to the recording of that meeting along with some of the historical communications and meeting notes about this change dating back to our initial discussions about the merger:

- [Community Meeting](#) on November 14, 2020
- [Letter](#) from May 2019 sent to families
- 7-12 Expansion Community Meetings in April 4th and 9th 2019 ([Slides](#))
- McCormack Student Meeting December 12th, 2019

Over the next three years, the McCormack school building will be renovated, and the new school will serve students in grades 7-12. For the 2021-2022 school year, **current McCormack students in grades 7 - 9 will stay at the McCormack campus**. All grades will move to the renovated, merged 7-12 school on Columbia Point in the

2022-2023 school year. For more information on registration, please [click here to see enrollment resources](#) on the BPS website or [contact Welcome Services](#).

**Please join us on Wednesday, January 12, 2021, 5:30 - 7pm for an online meeting.**

We will provide an update on the progress towards the merger with BCLA, A BuildBPS update, as well as the School Leader hiring process. You may use this link <https://k12-bostonpublicschools.zoom.us/j/88140924002> to join the Zoom webinar, or use Meeting ID 881 4092 4002. For additional information please email [Communityengagement@bostonpublicschools.org](mailto:Communityengagement@bostonpublicschools.org).

In partnership,

Brenda