



BC HIGH

A Jesuit School for Boys, Grades 7–12

April 30, 2019

Ms. Gayle Willett
Commissioner of Assessing
1 City Hall Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Dear Commissioner Willett:

As you know, BC High was established to provide a Catholic education for Boston residents, most of whom were immigrants. Today we are reinforcing our commitment to the City and in fact are working to strengthen that relationship in various ways.

We believe it is important to remind our community of our Boston connection and, to that end, we have conducted an analysis to quantify that contribution that I would like to share with you.

For the most recent fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, highlights of contributions to the City are as follows:

- Boston College High School has a total of 228 students enrolled who reside in Boston. This results in a direct savings to the City of Boston, as these students are not enrolled in the Boston Public School system. According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Report, the City of Boston 2018 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$22,749¹ per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$5,200,000.
- During this past fiscal year, 129 of the 228 Boston resident students received an approximate total of \$1,540,000 of need and merit based financial aid from BC High. That means that on average, these Boston students were afforded a 56% discount on tuition.
- BC High offers the use of our facilities to several City of Boston affiliated organizations throughout the year, either without charge or in some cases, for a nominal fee to cover maintenance personnel costs. During the past year, the value of the services was \$49,660. (See list attached)
- BC High employs 96 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries in excess of \$3,700,000 and benefits of \$1,100,000. In addition to providing job opportunities to Boston residents, their salaries generate economic activity for their local communities and the City of Boston.
- Between July 2017 and June 2018, the BC High students volunteered over 5,600 hours in the City of Boston through our required student volunteer programs, including our 7th and 8th Grade Service Days and our Junior Community Action program. If each student were to receive \$10 per hour for his work at these agencies, this would translate into \$56,000 worth of service to the community of Boston during this one year alone. Over the many years that these programs have been in place, BC High students have donated millions of dollars' worth of labor to some of the neediest organizations in Boston. More importantly, BC High students



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have touched the lives of thousands of Boston residents who live on the margins of our society and have inspired them by their generosity and service.

- In addition to the volunteer hours noted above, BC High students also donated over 1,300 hours of volunteer work through the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program providing sandwiches and water to the homeless in Boston; and each December, over 75 BC High students participate in "Christmas in the City," a Christmas extravaganza for homeless children in the City of Boston.
- Each November the BC High community contributes to a food drive to benefit the Boston Housing Authority. This year the community provided full Thanksgiving meals to 300 Boston families.

To summarize the benefits that BC High provides to the communities of the Boston Area:

Savings to City of Boston Public Schools:	\$5,200,000
Financial Aid to Boston students:	\$1,540,000
Salaries/Benefits paid to 96 Boston Residents	\$4,800,000
Facility Rental to Boston Organizations	\$ 49,660
Service Hours provided to Boston Agencies	\$ 56,000

The School has made a steadfast commitment to stay in the City of Boston and our desire is that this decision be a benefit to Boston, rather than a burden. We are proud to be a part of the City for over 150 years. We look forward to a continued collaboration that is mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

Grace Regan
President

¹Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education www.doe.mass.edu/finance/statistics/ppx13-17.html. Total Boston In District Expenditures for 2018.

BCH Facility Use FY18 - City of Boston Affiliated Organizations

NAME	EVENTS	DATE/FREQUENCY	HOURS	FACILITY/SERVICES	VALUE
Alcoholics Anonymous	Meetings	Weekly		Conference Room	\$ 5,850.00
Boys & Girls Club of Boston	Parking Lots	Annually - 2 weeks		Parking Lots	\$ 2,800.00
Boston Assn for the Education of Young Children Confere	2 Conferences	Yearly	16	Commons, Café/12 Classrooms, Conference Rooms, Video, Set Up	\$ 2,210.00
Boston Public Schools Nurses	Meetings	Three Times a Year	4.5	Conference Room	\$ 2,250.00
Cristo Rey High School	Field Use	Five Times a Year	10	Fields	\$ 1,500.00
Cristo Rey High School	McNeice Pavilion	Annually	6	Graduation Set Up	\$ 3,700.00
Independent Nurses Meeting	Meetings	Annually	2.5	Conference Room	\$ 1,250.00
Stepping Stone Boston	School Fair	Annually		Cadigan Gym	\$ 1,000.00
Tet in Boston Event	Vietnamese New Year Celebration	February 2018		Gyms	\$ 11,600.00
Crossroads for Kids		Summer 2018		Parking Lots	\$ 2,800.00
Metco		Summer 2018		Classrooms/Fields	\$ 10,000.00
McCormack School	Prom Ceremony	Yearly/June 2018		Gym	\$ 3,700.00
Camp Harborview	Staff Interviews and Training	Yearly/April 2018		Conference Rooms/Gym	\$ 1,000.00

Total Value of Space \$ 49,660.00