



BC HIGH

A Jesuit School for Boys, Grades 7–12

October 31, 2019

Mr. Nicholas Ariniello
Commissioner of Assessing
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Commissioner Ariniello:

As you know, Boston College High School was established to provide a Jesuit 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. This letter is in response to your October 1, 2019 letter requesting a pilot payment. As you can see from this letter, the contributions to the City of Boston by the BC High community are substantial.

We believe it is important to remind the community of our Boston connection and, to that end, we have conducted an analysis to quantify that contribution.

For the most recent fiscal year ending June 30, 2019, highlights of contributions to the City are as follows:

- Boston College High School has a total of 271 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 2017 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$20,776¹ per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$5,630,000.
- During this past fiscal year, Boston resident students received approximately \$1,961,685 of need and merit based financial aid from BC High.
- 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 \$67,460. (See list attached).

- BC High employs 49 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries in excess of \$3,900,000 and benefits of \$944,000. 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 2018 and June 2019, the BC High students volunteered over 4,825 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 \$48,250 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 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, each year through our Mite Box program, the BC High community has raised \$15,248 for Boston non-profit institutions.
- In addition to the volunteer hours noted above, BC High students also donated over 1,000 hours of volunteer work through the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program providing supplies, snacks, and water to the homeless in Boston. 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 participates in a food drive to benefit the Boston Housing Authority. This year the community provided full Thanksgiving meals to 325 Boston families.

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

Savings to City of Boston Public Schools:	\$5,630,000
Financial Aid to Boston students:	\$1,961,000
Salaries/Benefits paid to 49 Boston residents	\$4,877,000
Facility rental to Boston organizations	\$ 67,460
Mite Box contributions to Boston non-profits	\$ 15,248
Service hours provided to Boston Agencies	<u>\$ 48,250</u>
TOTAL FY 2019:	\$12,598,958

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 have been an integral part of the City for over 150 years. We look forward to our continued collaboration that is mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Grace Cotter Regan". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Grace Cotter Regan,
President

Boston College High School Facility Use - 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				Commons, Caf�/12 Classrooms, Conference Rooms, Video, Set Up	
Conference	2 Conferences	Yearly	16	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
Boston Police Department	Trainings and Meetings	Two-Three Times a Year		Gym, Outdoor Space	\$ 1,250.00
Boston Irish Wolfhounds Rugby	Field Space	Weekly - 6 weeks	2	Outdoor Fields	\$ 1,500.00
Archdiocese of Boston	Meetings/Conferences	Three times a Year	6	Conference Room	\$ 1,250.00
Massachusetts Educational Theatre Guild-Boston	Workshops/Meetings	Annually	6	Theatre/Classrooms	\$ 2,800.00
Nativity Prep		Summer 2018		Classrooms/Fields	\$ 10,000.00
St John Paul II Academy	Conference			Classrooms/Fields	\$ 1,000.00
				TOTAL VALUE OF SPACE:	\$ 67,460.00