



BC HIGH

A Jesuit School for Boys, Grades 7–12

October 16, 2020

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, 2020 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, 2020, highlights of contributions to the City are as follows:

- Boston College High School has a total of 260 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 2019 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$23,002¹ per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$5,980,631.
- During this past fiscal year, Boston resident students received approximately \$2,020,776 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 \$57,610. (See list attached).



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- BC High employs 48 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries in excess of \$3,900,000 and benefits of \$944,000. Additionally, BC High also employed 38 Boston residents in substitute, coaching, and co-curricular moderator capacities during FY 20. These jobs provided in excess of \$295,000 of wages. These job opportunities and salaries provided to Boston residents generate economic activity for their local communities and the City of Boston.
- Between July 2019 and June 2020, the BC High students volunteered over 750 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. Due to the COVID outbreak that shut our school down in mid-March our community service hours also were cut drastically from this fiscal year compared to last. If each student were to receive \$10 per hour for his work at these agencies, this would translate into \$4,260 worth of service to the community of Boston during six months of in-person service. 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 \$23,000 for Boston non-profit institutions.
- In addition to the volunteer hours noted above, BC High students also donated over 400 hours of volunteer work through the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program providing supplies, snacks, and water to the homeless in Boston. Each December, over 70 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 260 Boston families.



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

Savings to City of Boston Public Schools:	\$5,980,631
Financial Aid to Boston students:	\$2,020,776
Salaries/Benefits paid to Boston residents	\$5,139,000
Facility rental to Boston organizations	\$ 57,610
Mite Box contributions to Boston non-profits	\$ 203,000
Service hours provided to Boston Agencies	\$ <u>\$4,260</u>
TOTAL FY 2019:	\$13,405,277

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,

Grace Cotter Regan,
President

¹Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
<https://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/statistics/per-pupil-exp.html> Total Boston In District Expenditures for 2019.



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