# BCLA/McCormack Community Meeting

May 24, 2023



## **Attendee View (Regular Zoom Only)**

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# Agenda

- ☐ End of year update
- What we said
- ☐ What we accomplished
- Where we stand
- REPT: Community Feedback
- ☐ Next Steps



## **Ondrea Johnston, Head of School**

#### Highlights from Spring SY22-23:

- March 2023 Received Early College Designation in partnership with Umass-Boston from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- Hosted a production of 12 Angry Jurors at the Hyde Park campus
- Working on the renaming of the school (surveys to community and stakeholder discussions)
- Developing new school core values in collaboration with students and staff through the Climate and Culture Committee

#### Upcoming

- June 2nd Family/Community event 4:30-6:30 PM at Dorchester site
- June 16th Field Day for high school students and middle school students near each campus site
- Costa Rica! A group of students and staff will spend about a week in June on a science trip, exploring the wildlife of Costa Rica.





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#### Future Planning for SY23-24

- Addition of a school-based Health Center at the Dorchester site
- Early College program will expand to add a cohort 50 tenth graders
- Collaborative Conference for high school accreditation renewal from New England Association of Schools and Colleges



# What we said





- ☐ Integrate community feedback and finalize decision
  - ✓ 1/26 Teacher Feedback
  - ✓ 2/7 Student Feedback
  - ✓ 2/9 Community Session
  - ✓ 2/10 Harbor Point/Columbia Point
  - ✓ 2/17 ABA families
- ☐ Initiate contracting process for approved renovation work
- Work with PFD to develop options for SY24-25 and beyond





Sy 23/24:

Issue: Lack of space for site consolidation; not enough lead time for facilities work to be

completed on time

**Recommendation:** Add administrative and counseling suites to allow for grade 7-11 at

Dorchester campus

# What you said...

- Are there other options to be considered for site consolidation?
- Will BPS FAcilities be able to complete the proposed work on time?

#### What we accomplished ...

- Contacted DESE to include Dever facilities as part of the options to access additional classrooms for consideration concerning SY23/24 site consolidation
- Discussed alternative options: Dorchester campus locker rooms renovation, accessing alternative locations such as Umass Boston or modulars
- Completed the design phase for proposed work on administrative and counseling suites to ensure contracts are in place for summer renovation work





#### **Student Support and Experience:**

**Issue:** lack of space for site consolidation; not enough lead time for facilities work to

meet the request.

**Recommendation:** Allow rising seniors to graduate from Hyde Park location

# What you said...

- Create mentoring opportunities between upper and lower campus
- Support SY24 seniors socially and emotionally as they are the only class left at the Hyde Park campus
- Create opportunities for Class of 24 to be able to celebrate their senior year, despite the challenges the site consolidation has created for them

### What we accomplished ...

- Partnered with BLCA/McCormack teachers to survey current juniors on their needs
- Met with students to share district decision and supports that are available for them
- Established a school based team to collaborate with students in the implementation of the requested supports





#### SY 24/25 and beyond

**Issue:** What is the district's plan for Phase 2 and Sy 24/25?

# What you said...

- Determine a timeline for construction that provides enough lead time so that the school does not have to implement a 2-site model for Sy 24/25
- Communicate when BCLA/MCCormack will begin Phase 2 renovations to the building as was promised
- Integrate the Harbor Point community in the conversation.

- Secured \$10.6 million for Phase 2 initial redesign and renovation work in Mayor Wu's budget
- BPS Facilities Condition Assessment to be completed summer 2023 with an updated status on McCormack building's (Word)
  - It will determine scope of work for Phase 2 renovation
- Superintendent and BPS leadership initiated outreach with BCLA/McCormack Governing Board, CCE Reciprocity project, Harbor Point Community and other partners to discuss coordinated efforts for Harbor Point projects.



#### Where we stand

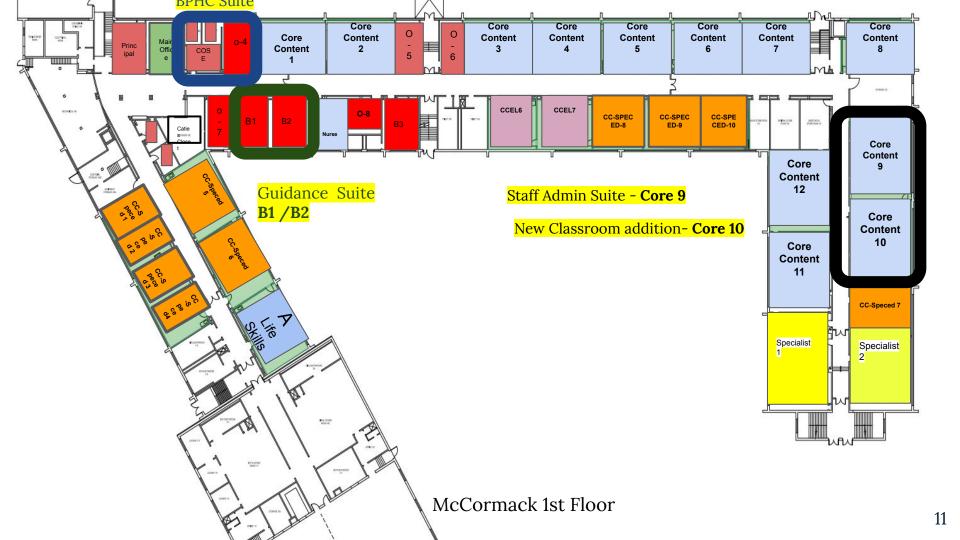




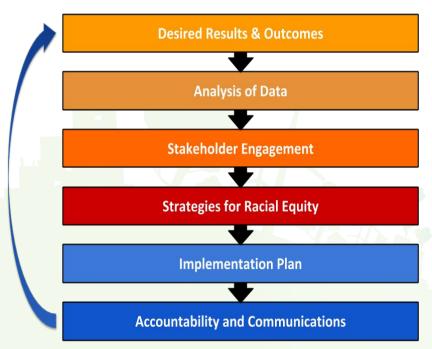
- Class of 2024 will graduate from the Hyde Park campus
- Class of 2025 will remain at the Dorchester campus
- Construction work is on track to begin in July of 2023 for Guidance and Administrative suite
- Work for the Boston Public Health Center is on track
- Class of 2024 social and emotional supports to be funded by BPS central office
- School based team, inclusive of student voice, will work with BPS central office to implement supports

- Facilities Condition Assessment study to be completed in Summer 2023
- Superintendent and team coordinating Harbor Point community around Phase 2 project





#### **BPS RACIAL EQUITY PLANNING TOOL COMPONENTS**



#### Guiding questions:

As we work to rebuild and strengthen trust ...

- 1. Reflection on how we collaborated for Spring 2023
  - a. What worked?
  - b. Where can we improve?
  - c. Who was missing from the conversation?
- 2. As we prepare for next year:
  - a. What changes should be integrated to continue to strengthen the collaboration and trust across our stakeholder groups?
  - b. How do we get more parents involved who have not been to these conversations?
    - i. Special Education, Multilingual Learners, New families to the school...



# Questions and Comments

Please raise hand Write in the chat box

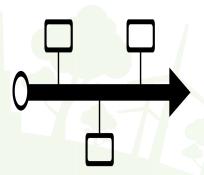


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- Be Present
- Be Respectful
- Be Open
- Be Mindful
- Be Engaged
- Be Considerate



# Upcoming Work Timeline



- **June**: Hyde Park Location to complete packing of Grade 11 materials
- June: Packing of McCormack site for internal moves and:
  - Guidance Suite transition to BPHC suite
  - Catie's Closet transition to new Guidance Suite
  - Administrative Suite
- **July 1**: Renovation/Construction work begins
- August: Furniture delivery
- **September:** Construction work inspection
- October: 1st Governing Board/Community meeting for Sy 23/24



