

To: Shaw-Taylor Families & Staff
From: BPS Capital Planning
Subject: Shaw-Taylor Midyear Update

Friday, February 6, 2026

Dear Shaw-Taylor School Community,

At the start of the 2025–2026 school year, we shared updates on the progress of the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) multi-year building project for the Shaw-Taylor School. When we met in November, we reviewed the [Feasibility Study](#) presentation and discussed the timeline for next steps.

We invite you to join Capital Planning for the next SPC/SSC meeting on **Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 8:45 AM**, where we will share updates on the following:

1. MSBA Feasibility Study Progress

- **Educational Program:** Since our last SPC/SSC meeting, Boston Public Schools (BPS) central office academic teams and Capital Planning, in partnership with Shaw-Taylor school leadership, have developed the school's educational program. This document outlines the academic and programmatic vision for Shaw-Taylor and describes the learning experiences we want all students to have in the new building. The educational program is a critical tool that informs the building design and ensures it aligns with the long-term needs of the Dorchester/Mattapan community. At the meeting, we will review the program's major components.
- **Designer Selection Process:** On January 6, 2026, more than 20 architectural firms toured the Shaw-Taylor campuses as part of the Request for Proposals (RFP) process. These site visits allow firms to better understand how the school currently uses its space and how the educational program will shape the need for space. In the coming months, a selection committee—including representatives from the City of Boston, the Public Facilities Department, the Owner's Project Manager (Skanska), and BPS district leadership—will review proposals and select a project designer. This project designer is responsible for creating the final design and specifications for the new building.

2. School Renaming Process

After two years of coming together as a unified school community, the school is launching a collaborative and inclusive school renaming process. This work follows the guidance outlined in the [Superintendent's School Naming Policy & Procedure Circular](#). All students, families, and staff will have a voice in the process to begin in Spring 2026. We look forward

to seeing you on the 12th, where you will learn about how other schools have completed this work and have your voice be heard in the process.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to sharing additional updates as this work progresses. As a reminder, you can visit the [City of Boston](#) website at any time to stay informed about the project.

Warmly,

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