

;;;BOSTON CITY COUNCIL - AFTERNOON
;;;TUES 11.26.2018 3:00 - 5:00 PM

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

MY NAME IS ANNISSA
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.

A CITY COUNCILOR.

I'M JOINED BY COUNCILOR JANEY,
AND COUNCILOR WU EXPECT I'M
JOINED BY COUNCILOR BAKER,
COUNSELOR FLYNN, AND SUFFOLK
COUNTY SHERIFF STEVE PARKS WHO
WILL GIVE TESTIMONY LATER.

THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING BEING
RECORDED, REBROADCAST COMCAST 8,
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I WOULD ASK THAT YOU PLEASE
SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONES AND ANY
OTHER DEVICES.

WE WOULD TAKE PUBLIC TESTIMONY
AND APPRECIATE IF YOU WOULD SIGN
IN AND INDICATE WHETHER YOU WISH
TO TESTIFY.

I WOULD ASK YOU TO LIMIT YOUR
COMMENTS TO A FEW MINUTES SO
EVERYONE CAN BE HEARD.

A HEARING REGARDING VOCATION
EDUCATION AT THE CITY OF BOSTON.
WE HAD A HEARING AT MADISON PARK
HIGH SCHOOL, FOR THOSE WHO CARED
DEEPLY ABOUT VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION IN GENERAL AND
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION IN GENERAL.
WE ARE ALL HERE TODAY AND THOSE
WHO ARE WATCHING HAVE TUNED IN
BECAUSE THEY CARE ABOUT OUR
STUDENTS AND THEIR FUTURE.

WE CARE ABOUT IMPROVING
EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AND WE
CARE ABOUT THE FUTURE OF MADISON
PARK HIGH SCHOOL.

IN A FEW MINUTES I WILL GIVE A
PRESENTATION THAT WILL PROVIDE A
QUICKOVER VIEW OF THE WORK THAT
HAS BEEN DONE TO DATE, SOME OF
WHAT WILL BE SHARED ARE THE
FACTS THAT WE ALREADY KNOW VAND
HEARD MULTIPLE TIMES.

BUT I BELIEVE IT IS FORTUNATE
REITERATE.

IN ORDER FOR THIS WORK TO MOVE
FORWARD, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR ALL

OF US TO UNDERSTAND THE WORK
THAT HAS BEEN DONE AND NEEDS TO
BE DONE.
I WILL NOW WELCOME MY COLLEAGUES
FOR ANY OPENING STATEMENTS.
COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND THANK YOU TO
COUNCILOR WU FOR YOUR
PARTNERSHIP.
WE'VE WORKED TOGETHER FOR NEARLY
A YEAR ON THIS EFFORT TO EXPLORE
OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE MADISON
PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL ALL THE RESOURCES AND
SUPPORT AND INVESTMENT THAT IT
NEEDS TO THRIVE.
I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR
BEING HERE TODAY.
I ALSO WANT TO GIVE A SHOUT-OUT
TO THE FRIENDS GROUP OF MADISON
PARK.
MADISON SHOULD BE A WORLD CLASS
VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL
BECAUSE OUR STUDENTS DESERVE
NOTHING LESS.
THROUGHOUT THIS PROCESS WE'VE
WITH MANY STAKEHOLDERS, PARENTS,
STUDENTS, EDUCATORS,
ADMINISTRATORS, THE FRIENDS
GROUP, AND IT WAS CLEAR
THROUGHOUT THAT PROCESS THAT
EVERYONE HAS A DEEP COMMITMENT
TO ENSURING THAT MADISON PARK IS
STRONGER AND THAT IT IS
PROVIDING ITS STUDENTS WITH THE
EDUCATION THAT THEY DESERVE.
I HOPE TODAY'S HEARING WILL HELP
US STRENGTHEN EXISTING PEAMPS
AND PERHAPS BUILD NEW -- PERHAPS
BUILD NEW ONCE.
THESE PARTNERSHIPS ARE CRITICAL
TO MAKE SURE THAT MAFDZ PARK
STUDENTS ARE -- MADISON PARK ARE
STUDENTS AREFULLY PAIR FOR THEIR
FUTURE, I WANT TO THANK ALL OF
THE PARTNERS WHO ARE HERE AS
WELL.
AS A DISTRICT COUNCILOR WHO
REPRESENTS MADISON PARK I
BELIEVE THAT IT IS A CRITICAL
INSTITUTION FOR ROXBURY
COMMUNITY AND IT HAS THE

POTENTIAL TO CREATE PATHWAYS OUT OF POVERTY.

GIVEN OUR STUDENTS, TRAINING GIVING THEM A TRAINING THAT'S IMPORTANT BUT IT IS ONLY A PIECE OF WHAT WE NEED FOR MADISON. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE OUR STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO MAKE CONNECTIONS TO JOBS AND TO OPPORTUNITIES.

BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS IS SO IMPORTANT.

FOR EXAMPLE: WE CAN JUST TAKE A LOOK AT THIS MASSIVE BUILDING BOOM THAT WE'RE IN AS ONE EXAMPLE.

WE CURRENTLY HAVE \$9 MILLION UNDER CONSTRUCTION THAT'S 9 BILLION WITH A B.

ANOTHER \$6 BILLION IN THE PIPELINE AND IT'S IMPORTANT TO MAKE SURE THAT OUR YUM YOUNG PEOPLE HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE IN THAT.

I THINK ABOUT THE BOWLING BUILDING IN DUDLEY, A FEW FEET AWAY FROM MADISON PARK, WHAT KIND OF OPPORTUNITIES WERE MISSED BY NOT MAKING SURE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE HAD MORE ACCESS TO THAT BUILDING BOOM.

IT IS IMPORTANT NOT JUST TO GIVE THEM OPPORTUNITY TO EARN ADDITIONAL INCOME FOR THEMSELVES AND THEIR FAMILIES, BUT IT'S IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF THE EXPERIENCE THAT IT LENDS, BECAUSE OF THE HOURS THAT THEY EARN, AND BECAUSE OF THE RELATIONSHIPS THAT THEY'RE ABLE TO BUILD.

AND THAT IS SO IMPORTANT.

I VIEW THIS EFFORT AS DEEPLY CONNECTED TO MY WORK WITH MANY COUNCILOR EDWARDS TO L STRENGTHEN THE BOSTON JOBS POLICIES POLICY, I CONSIDER THIS AN OPPORTUNITIES TO GIVE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ENTREPRENEURS.

SO I STRONGLY BELIEVE WE NEED TO LOOK BEYOND JUST THIS HEARING, WE NEED TO LOOK LONG TERM, SHORT TERM, MEDIUM AND THEN LONG TERM,

TO THINK OF WAYS WE NEEDS TO
SUPPORT MADISON.

I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR
BEING HERE FOR ENGAGING IN THIS
WORK WITH US AND TO MAKE SURE
MADISON IS THE SCHOOL THAT OUR
YOUNG PEOPLE DESERVE AND I LOOK
FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
TESTIMONY OF OUR ESTEEMED GUESTS
AND PANELISTS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY.
COUNCILOR WU.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.
I WOULD ECHO THE THOUGHTS AND
WORDS OF MY PARTNERS HERE, OVER
THE LAST MONTHS, AND IN THE
COURSE OF OUR WORK, WE HAVE
HEARD FROM SMALL GROUPS, WE'VE
BEEN ONSITE, WE'VE BEEN OUT OF
THE CITY VISITING OTHER
INSTITUTIONS, AND ALL OF THIS
HAS ONLY REINFORCED IN MY MIND
HOW IMPORTANT VOCATIONAL
EDUCATION IS.
NOT JUST TO THE CITY, NOT JUST
TO THE STUDENTS WHO SHOULD HAVE
THE BEST OPPORTUNITY IN THE
WORLD TO GAIN A TRADE AND TO
START THEIR CAREER IN BOSTON, AT
MADISON PARK.
BUT REALLY, FOR THIS WHOLE
GENERATION.
WE KNOW THAT THE MILLENNIAL
GENERATION, MY GENERATION, IS
THE FIRST WITH SORT OF ECONOMIC
EQUALITY IS CRASHING TO REALITY.
OUR GENERATION IS THE FIRST
WHERE IT'S NOT CERTAIN, IN FACT
IT'S PRETTY UNCERTAIN THAT
YOU'LL MAKE AS MUCH MONEY AS
YOUR PARENTS MADE WHEN THEY WERE
YOUR OWN AGE.
FIRST GENERATION WHERE OWNING A
HOME BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT, ON
AND ON AND ON, STUDENT LOAN
DEBT.
THIS IS I BELIEVE THE SOLUTION
TO NEARLY ALL THOSE ECONOMIC
MOBILITY CHALLENGES.
JUST LIKE MADISON PARK AND OTHER
SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE DOING

ACROSS THE STATE AND THE COUNTRY
IS ALSO HAPPENING HERE.

MADISON PARK SHOULD BE THAT GOLD
STANDARD OF WHAT IT MEANS TO
TRULY CREATE A PATHWAY TO
STABILITY FOR YOUR FAMILY, GREAT
WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT
OPPORTUNITY TO TRAINING
EMPLOYEES FOR ALL THE COMPANIES
THAT ARE WANTING TO LOCATE IN
BOSTON.

AND IT'S ALL THE POTENTIAL FOR
THE PROBLEMS THAT WE'RE LOOKING
AT, I THINK ARE RIGHT HERE.
IN MADISON PARK.

VISITING OTHER SCHOOLS, SITTING
WITH THE FRIENDS GROUPS, FOR
THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR
THE SCHOOL FOR 40 YEARS NOW,
ONLY REINFORCES HOW IMPORTANT
THIS IS, HOW URGENT IT IS TO GET
IT DONE NOW.

WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY.

WE HAVE ALL THE RESOURCES.

IT IS JUST ABOUT MASH SHALL --
MARSHALING THE POLITICAL WILL.

THE STUDENTS ARE INCREDIBLE, WE
NEED TO BE GIVING THE OTHER
STUDENTS THE SAME OPPORTUNITY
THEY HAVE GOT.

WE NEED TO DO YOU REMEMBER PART
TO LIFT UP THE SCHOOL AND
CELEBRATE IT.

BUT IT HAS BEEN REALLY EXCITING
TO SEE THIS WITH MY PARTNERS
HERE AND WORK WITH THE PLACE
WHERE WE HAVE SET
RECOMMENDATIONS AND FIRM PLAN
HOW TO DO THAT.

THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR.

WE HAVE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR
CIOMMO AND COUNCILLOR
McCARTHY.
COUNCILOR FLAHERTY.

>> THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

CITY COUNCILOR JUDGE AND CITY
COUNCILOR ARE PRESSLEY, THE
MASSIVE GROWTH THAT OUR CITY IS
EXPERIENCING IS BENEFIT BEING
ALL ITS RESIDENTS.
ONLY THE STUDENTS OF MADISON

PARK PLAY A MAJOR ROLE TO HELP THE ENTRY INTO THAT WORKPLACE. MY COLLEAGUES HAVE HEARD ME SAY IT ONCE, A THOUSAND TIMES, COLLEGE ISN'T FOR EVERYONE AND WE HAVE HAD A TREMENDOUS OPPORTUNITY PARTICULARLY TO ENHANCE ONE'S -- TO ENHANCE THE ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS. THROUGH BOTH TECH AND THROUGH TRADES.

AND THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK TO MY FRIEND AND FORM HE COLLEAGUE IN GOVERNMENT AND FORM HE ARE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TIM MURRAY ABOUT THE THINGS THEY ARE DOING OUT IN WORCHESTER, AS WELL AS CAPE COD TECH DOWN THE CAPE. TAKING ADVANTAGE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES, THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE JEWEL OF THE FLEET, IT IS REALLY OUR EXAM SCHOOLS AND IT IS ALSO OUR ARTS ACADEMY.

I WOULD LOVE TO BE ABLE TO TALK ABOUT OUR VOC AS ALSO BEING A PRIDE AND JEWEL OF OUR FLEET AS WELL.

LOOKING FORWARD TO THE DISCUSSION, WANTS TO KNOW WHAT THE DELIVERY RULES ARE, HOW WE CAN CONTINUE TO HELP YOU GUYS AS OUR CITY COUNCIL AND LET'S PUT THE BEST PLAN IN PLACE, AS WE HAVE THE BETH TECH HIGH SCHOOL IN THE AREA AND THE STATE. THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR. COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> MADAM CHAIR I'M HERE TO LISTEN. THIS IS ONE OF SOCIETY'S HOLES MERE. WEE ARE NOT TRAINING PEOPLE INTO THE JOBS THAT ARE HERE, NOW, AND THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO BE HERE IN THE FUTURE. SO I'M EXCITED ABOUT THIS TOPIC. AND I THANK YOU FOR CHAIRING THIS AND ALSO THE MAKEERS. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.
WE HAVE BEEN JOINED ALSO BY
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.
COUNSELOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
COUNCILOR WU, AND THANK YOU
COUNCILOR JANEY FOR YOUR STRONG
LEADERSHIP ON THIS IMPORTANT
ISSUE.
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH
SCHOOLS PROVIDE STUDENTS WITH
SKILLS IN HIGH DEMAND IN THE
LABOR MARKET.
I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND
AND GRADUATE FROM DON BOSCO
TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN THE MID
'80s AND AT THAT TIME, DON
BOSCO OFFERED COMPUTER
TECHNOLOGY, WOODWORK, CARPENTRY,
ELECTRICITY, ELECTRONICS,
GRAPHIC ARTS, DRAFTING AND
PROBABLY OTHERS.
I TOOK GRAPHIC ARTS.
BUT I DO KNOW THAT THE OTHER
STUDENTS THAT TO BE CARPENTRY,
WOODWORKING, ELECTRONICS, DID
GET JOBS WITH THE UNIONS IN
BOSTON, GOOD PAYING JOBS.
GREATER BOSTON LABOR COUNCIL AND
THE BUILDING TRADES UNDER BRIAN
DAUGHERTY ARE DOING GREAT WORK
AND RECRUITING PEOPLE.
BUTTER MADISON PARK SHOULD BE
REALLY THE BEST SCHOOL IN THE
CITY PROVIDING JOB TRAINING,
PROVIDED A GOOD EDUCATION, SO
THAT OUR YOUNG PEOPLE CAN GET A
DECENT JOB IN THIS GROWING AND
BOOMING ECONOMY.
I'M HAPPY TO BE HERE.
HOPE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE
PROGRAM AND AS COUNCILOR
FLAHERTY MENTIONED, WE'RE ALSO
WELCOMING FORMER MAYOR AND
FORMER LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TIM
MURRAY WHO HAS AN EXCELLENT
PROGRAM IN WORCHESTER.
SO I KNOW THERE IS A LOT OF WORK
WE CAN DO IN LISTENING, PROBABLY
THE MOST IMPORTANT THING.
AGAIN WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO

COUNCILOR JANEY, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE AND COUNCILOR WU
FOR PROVIDINGS EXCELLENT
LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNSELOR FLYNN,
COUNCILOR CAMPBELL.
IF.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI-GEORGE.
THANK YOU, COUNCILOR JANEY, AND
COUNCILOR WU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
ON THIS.

THANK YOU FOR THE FOLKS WHO ARE
IN ATTENDANCE TODAY, JUDE IT
THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSISTENT
ADVOCACY AROUND THIS WORK AS
WELL.

I ALSO WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND
PARTICIPATE THE PARTICIPATION OF
COLLEAGUES, WHETHER IT IS THE
FORM HE LG THE SHERIFF OF
SUFFOLK COUNTY, THE BE STUDENTS,
THE STAFF AND THE LEADERSHIP AT
MADISON PARK, THE FRIENDS OF
MADISON PARK AND THE COMMUNITY.
I THINK WE HAVE BEEN TALKING
ABOUT THE ISSUE OF MADISON FOR A
REALLY LONG TIME, EVEN BEFORE I
GOT TO THE COUNCIL.

I THINK WE CAN'T KEEP TALKING
ABOUT IT.

WE NEED AN ACTUAL PLAN.

WE NEED AN ACTUAL BENCHMARK,
TIME LINE ABOUT WHAT WE'RE
ACTUALLY GOING TO DO AND WE ALSO
NEED WAYS IN WHICH TO HOLD NOT
JUST THE ADMINISTRATION

ACCOUNTABLE BUTTER OUR SESTLESLESS OURSELVES BUTTERLESS -- BUT
ALSO OURSELVES ACCOUNTABLE.

WITH RESPECT TO VOC TECH, THERE
IS CLEARLY A LOT MORE TO DO.

I'M HERE TO LISTEN BUT HOPEFULLY
ASK QUESTIONS, AND ONE OF THE
THINGS I DO WANT TO ADD IS, WE
ARE TALKING ABOUT VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS SOMETIMES SEPARATE AND
APART FROM HIGH SCHOOLS
GENERALLY.

THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE MUCH OF
OUR SCHOOLS INCLUDING BEING EXAM
SCHOOLS AS WELL, BOSTON LATIN
SCHOOL, THERE IS WORK TO BE DONE

AT BOSTON LATIN SCHOOL.
I WOULD URGE ALL OF US TO BE
MINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT WE
CAN'T JUST SOLVE THE ISSUES OF
MADISON PARK, YES THAT IS VERY
IMPORTANT BUT WITHOUT ADDRESSING
THE CONCERNS OF OPEN ENROLLMENT
HIGH SCHOOLS AS WELL, WITH
RESPECT TO THE PARENTS THEY'RE
ALSO FAILING OUR STUDENTS AND
THAT'S A PROBLEM.
THAT IS AN EQUITY ISSUE.
SO I'M HAPPY TO PARTICIPATE AND
CONTINUE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE
CONVERSATIONS RELATED TO MADISON
PARK.
BUT WANT TO ALSO CHALLENGE US TO
THINK ABOUT HOW DO WE MAKE SURE
THAT THESE CONVERSATIONS WITH
RESPECT TO ENSURING THAT MADISON
PARK IS THE BEST VOCATIONAL
SCHOOL IN THE COMMONWEALTH OR
THE COUNTRY, THAT WE'RE ALSO
INCLUDING ALL OF THE OTHER HIGH
SCHOOLS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON,
THAT NEED MORE RESOURCES, THAT
NEED MORE TO SERVE OUR STUDENTS
IN A BETTER WAY.
WE CAN'T CONTINUE TO HAVE THESE
SCHOOLS SEPARATE AND APART.
SO THANK YOU AGAIN FOR BEING
HERE.
THANK YOU TO MY COLLEAGUES AS
WELL.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> THANK YOU.
I ALSO WANT TO THANK YOU, THE
THREE SPONSORS, COUNCILOR JA
JANEY, ING WHERESSAIBI-GEORGE
AND WU.
EVERYBODY HAS SAID THIS MORE
ELOQUENTLY THAN I COULD, BUT I
GRADUATED IN 1974 WHERE MOST
MUCH OF OUR HIGH SCHOOLS ACTUALLY
HAD AUTO MECHANICS, DRAFTING,
MANY TRADES.
YOU GUYS REMEMBER, NOT MANY DO,
NOW WE NEED TO GET BACK TO THAT.
THERE'S TOO MANY INDUSTRIES AND
JOBS AVAILABLE TO OUR YOUNG
PEOPLE THAT WE'RE NOT AVAILING

OURSELVES OF BECAUSE WE'RE NOT
POINTING THEM IN THE RIGHT
DIRECTION AND SHAME ON US AS
ADULTS WE'RE NOT DOING THAT.
SO I SEE IN SLIDE 2 YOU SKI THIS
HAS BEEN A DISCUSSION BETWEEN
TWO MAYORS AND THREE
SUPERINTENDENTS.
I HOPE THIS IS THE YEAR THAT WE
CAN ACTUALLY GET SOMETHING
ACCOMPLISHMENT.
AND CREATE THE PARTNERSHIPS, WE
HAVE GREAT TRADE UNIONS IN THIS
CITY.
PROBABLY BETTER THAN THE REST OF
OUR COUNTRY.
CARPENTRY, ELECTRICIAN,
PLUMBERS, I LOOK FORWARD TO
LISTENING AND HOPEFULLY BEING A
PRODUCTIVE CONTRIBUTOR TO THIS
PROCESS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
COUNCILLOR McCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM
CHAIR.

I THINK COLLEGE ISN'T FOR
EVERYONE KIND OF SUMS IT UP.
IN AN ECONOMIC BOOM IN BOSTON
THAT IS REALLY SECOND TO NONE
RIGHT NOW, WE NEED BOSTON KIDS
AND BOSTON PEOPLE WHO LOOK LIKE
US AND TALK LIKE US WORKING IN
OUR BUILDINGS.
AND THE PATHWAYS THAT BRIAN
DAUGHERTY AND THE UNIONS HAVE
OPENED HAVE BEEN WONDERFUL BUT I
DON'T THINK AS A CITY WE HAVE
HEMMED UP OUR INDEPENDENT OF THE -- HEALTH UP OUR END OF THE
BARGAIN.

AS COUNCILOR CIOMMO SAID, I LOOK
FORWARD TO THE END OF TALKING
ABOUT THINGS AND GETTING
SOMETHING DONE.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
ON THIS.
OBVIOUSLY LOOKING FORWARD TO
HEARING FROM EACH AND EVERY ONE

OF YOU.

SUFFICE IT TO SAY I STAND IN
SUPPORT OF THESE PROGRAMS,
MAKING SURE OUR YOUNG PEOPLE
HAVE EVERY OPPORTUNITY,
REFLECTIVE OF THE TIME WE ARE
LIVING IN.

I'D LIKE TO SEE FOCUS ON GREENEN
ENERGY AND THE GREEN ECONOMY AS
WELL.

LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
FORMER MAYOR AND GOVERNOR TIM
MURRAY, AS WELL AS SHERIFF
THOMPSON AS WELL, LOOKING
FORWARD TO HEARING FROM THE
YOUNG PEOPLE AS WELL.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP
AND LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT
HEARING.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

I DO HAVE A LETTER?

FROM COUNCILOR PRESSLEY.

DEAR MADAM PRESIDENT, I REGRET
BECAUSE OF MY SCHEDULE, I WILL
BE UNABLE TO ATTEND.

THE PARTNERSHIPS BETWEEN THE
CITY OF BOSTON, BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS, DEPARTMENT, VOCATIONAL
SCHOOLS AND THE COMMUNITY ARE
CRITICAL TO COMBATING INCOME
INEQUALITY AND CREATING PATHWAYS
TO CAREERS.

SCHOOLS SHOULD BE LEADERS IN
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND DESERVE
TO BE SUPPORTED AS A GEM OF OUR
SCHOOL DISTRICT.

I WILL CONTINUE THE ADVOCATE FOR
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND LOOK
FORWARD TO HEARING FROM STUDENTS
AND FAMILY VOICES.

THAT IS ON BEHALF ARE
CONGRESSWOMAN ELECT PRESSLEY.

AT THIS POINT, I DO HAVE A
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION TOO
PRESENT TO THE AUDIENCE BUT I
KNOW THE CHAIR OF THOMPSON HAS
TO LEAVE US SHORTLY AND WANTED
TO GIVE SOME TESTIMONY.

I WANT TO WELCOME YOU SCHAEFFER
THOMPSON.

>> FIRST AND FOREMOST I WANT TO
THANK THREE COUNCILORS WHO ARE

DRIVING HAD DISCUSSION, I WANT TO THANK COUNCILOR FLAHERTY FOR WELCOMING ME AS THE 14th CITY COUNCILOR, MAYBE I'M THE 13th NOW.

HOW ABOUT THAT?

IT'S GREAT TOO SEE FORMER GOVERNOR TIM MURRAY HERE, AND THE POSITION HE NOW HOLDS, I WANT TO RECOGNIZE DR. DOW ROBINSON, DR. AYESHA FRANCIS, AT THE BEN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND NEIL SULLIVAN FROM THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY COUNCIL.

I'M SURE THERE ARE OTHERS I DIDN'T NAME BUT I WANT TO SHOUT THESE FOLKS OUT TO SEE HOW HEARTENED I AM TO SEE THIS KIND OF GATHERING AND THESE FOLKS HERE TO TALK ABOUT A VERY IMPORTANT ISSUE.

CLEARLY AS THE SHERIFF OF SUFFOLK COUNTY WE SEE FAR TOO MANY FOLK EMPLOYED THAT SHOULD NOT BE IMPRISONED.

FAR TOO MANY OF OUR YOUNGSTERS. FAR TOO MANY OF OUR BLACK AND BROWN AND POOR INDIVIDUALS WIND UP IN JAIL.

IT'S BEYOND TIME TO REPLACE THE SCHOOL TO PRISON PIPELINE TO THE CRADLE TO CAREER PIPELINE.

I EMBRACE THE IDEA THAT COLLEGE IS NOT FOR EVERYONE.

EVERYONE CANNOT AFFORD OOH COLLEGE EDUCATION.

RECENTLY I HAD THE MASTER BATHROOM REDONE AT MY HOUSE AND THAT COST OVER \$20,000.

THE MAN WAS A SKILLED CRAFTSMAN BUT NOT COLLEGE EDUCATED.

HE KNEW HIS CRAFT AND KNEW IT WELL.

I'VE TALKED TO THE UNIONS AND THE UNIONS ARE LOOKING FOR VERY CAPABLE MEN AND WOMEN TO JOINING THEIR RANKS AND AS ONE OF THE UNION PRESIDENTS MENTIONED TO ME SAID LOOK, WE REALLY DON'T GIVE A HOOT ABOUT THE FACT THAT GUYS AND LADIES MAY HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR A WHILE. BUT WE'RE LOOKING TOWARDS HUE

THEY CAN COMPORT THEMSELVES ON THE JOB SITE, INCLUDING PUNCTUALITY AND ALL THE THINGS THAT COME WITH THAT. WITH YOU TALK ABOUT VOCATIONAL EDUCATION I SEE THAT AS A PIPELINE FRANKLY TO MEANINGFUL JOBS ACKNOWLEDGE WHERE PEOPLE CAN TAKE CARE OF THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES. IN THE ABSENCE OF THAT, ALL HELL CAN BREAK LOOSE. AND SO I ACTUALLY JUST CAME TO LISTEN BECAUSE I AM VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT'S GOING TO TRANSPIRE HERE TODAY. I WILL SAY THIS ALSO, I WAS VERY HAPPY TO MEET FROM McCASKELL A FEW MOMENTS AK. I HAVE BEEN DISMAYED ABOUT WHAT'S GOING ON AT MADISON PARK PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL THERE. I DO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS A QUALITY SCHOOL THAT CAN DO A LOT FOR THE CITIZENS OF BOSTON AND THE SURROUNDING AREAS, BUT IT REALLY IS GOING TO REQUIRE QUALITY LEADERSHIP. FOR FAR TOO LONG IT HAS BEEN THIS UP AND DOWN SITUATION THERE THAT I KNOW YOU ARE VERY FAMILIAR WITH. MY UNDERSTANDING IS YOU ARE VERY SKILLED AT WHAT YOU DO. THAT YOU HAVE COMMENT FROM SPRINGFIELD DOING THE SAME THING. I'M LOOKING FOR THAT EXPERTISE. IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO AT THE TIME SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP -- DO AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO HELP WE WILL DO SO. IN FESH I TOOK ONE OF OUR -- IN FEBRUARY I TOOK ONE OF OUR UNITS AND DEDICATEIT TO THE 18 TO 25 COHORT. YOUR BRAIN DOES NOT DEVELOP UNTIL YOU ARE IN YOUR MID 20s. I HAVE A THOUSAND GUYS BUT ONLY ABOUT 80 WOMEN IN MY FACILITY. WE TOOK SOME OF THE YOUNGER GUYS AND MATCHED THEM UP, WHAT WE HAVE SAID TO THE YOUNGER GUYS

YOU NEED TO LEARN TO THESE OLDER GUYS, LISTEN TO THEM SO YOU DON'T END UP WHERE THEY ARE AT. IN FACT ONE OF THEM ARE CALLING ME RIGHT NOW.

I'M ONLY KIDDING.

WE WANT PEOPLE IN JOBS, VOCATIONAL JOBS.

WE OFFER THAT INSIDE OUR FACILITY IN A PROGRAM WE CALLED A WHIELD AGO COMMON GROUND INSTITUTE, WE PLACEA SERIOUS FOCUS ON VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. ON AVERAGE MY INMATE POPULATION HAS A SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION, THEY MOST PROBABLY WON'T DID ON TO COLLEGE.

THEY NEED A JOB THAT WILL TAKE CARE OF THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES. THAT'S WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR AND LISTENING FOR IN THIS DISCUSSION TODAY HOW YOU'RE GOING TO BRING MADISON PARK TO THAT APEX. AND HOW WE AS CITIZENS CAN BE HELPFUL TO YOU.

AND SO I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITIES TO SAY THOSE WORDS.

BUT WE THINK WE AT THE SHERIFFS DEPARTMENT THINK IT'S CRUCIALLY IMPORTANT THE KEEP OUR YOUNG FOLK OUT OF THE PENAL SYSTEM AND TO KEEP THEM IN THEIR COMMUNITIES AND WITH THEIR FAMILIES AND ARE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

-- BE PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS.

I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SHERIFF, APPRECIATE YOUR BEING HERE AND SHARING YOUR WORK TO DATE. I'M GOING TO START WITH THE POWERPOINT THAT WAS PUT TOGETHER TO WRAP YOU THE WORK WE HAVE DONE TO DATE.

I BELIEVE THERE WAS A HANDOUT PRINTED, I KNOW SOME OF THE FONT IS SMALL.

I DIDN'T FOLLOW THE TYPICAL WHAT I WOULD PREVIOUSLY DO WITH MY KIDS, FIVE BY FIVE, I'M VERY PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE

TO ACCOMPLISH SO FAR AND AS MUCH AS WE WOULD LIKE TO WRAP IT UP AND HAVE SOME SOLUTIONS AND RESPONSES AND MOVEMENT GOING FORWARD, I THINK WE'LL HAVE SOME IDEAS OF WHAT WE NEED TO DO GOING FORWARD, I JUST WANTED TO SHARE THE WORK THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO DO.

SO JUST TO DATE REALLY OUTLINING SOME OF THE WORK SINCE FEBRUARY WHEN THIS HEARING ORDER WAS ORIGINALLY FILED, THERE ARE ALWAYS QUESTIONS ABOUT, WELL, THEN WHAT HAPPENS ON THE HEARING ORDER?

AND THERE WAS A LOT OF PREP WORK THAT WE DID AS A TEAM.

OURSELVES AS COUNCILORS AND THE INVOLVEMENT OF OUR STAFF IN THIS WORK.

INCLUDING IN OUR FIRST STOP A VISIT TO MADISON PARK AND TO REALLY UNDERSTAND FROM THE STUDENT'S PERSPECTIVE, FROM THE STAFF AND FACULTY'S PERSPECTIVE AS WELL AS THE PARENTS AND THE FRIENDS OF MADISON, WHAT'S HAPPENING THERE, WHAT ARE THE STRENGTHS, WHAT ARE THE REAL CELEBRATIONS, THE REAL SUCCESSES.

BUT ALSO, WHERE THE CHALLENGES, WHERE IS THE WORK THAT REMAINS UNDONE?

WE'VE ALSO, AND I DO WANT TO THANK THE FRIENDS OF MADISON, COUNCILOR JANEY AND OTHERS TO THANK THEM, THEY HAVE BEEN INCREDIBLY PERSISTENT IN PUSHING US TOWARDS THE GOALS IN THIS PAST YEAR, AND THEN SOME SINCE THIS PROCESS HAS BEGUN.

WE MET WITH AND HAD OUR POLICY BRIEFING SERIES AT MADISON A FEW MONTHS AGO AND MERELY HAD AN OPPORTUNITIES TO STRETCH OUR LEGS ON SOME OF THE WORK THAT WE HAVE BEEN BUILDING TOWARDS, AS WELL AS THE ALLIANCE OF TECH ED.

WE ALSO TOURED WORCHESTER TECH AS WELL AS MINUTE MAN REGIONAL AND THEN I WEBSITE OUT AND MET WITH THE FOLKS OF MAVVA, I'D LIKE

TO THANK KEVIN FARR WHO IS THEIR LEADER, AS WELL AS SOME CONVERSATIONS WITH FOLKS AT THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ED HERE IN THE COMMONWEALTH. SO JUST WANT TO OUTLINE SOME OF THE THINGS WE KNOW. THERE IS A WAIT LIST ACROSS THE STATE THAT IS VERY DEEP. 5400 STUDENTS ARE WAITING TO GET INTO ONE OF THE COMMONWEALTH'S TECH OR VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS. THAT IS THE STATE FUNDING AT A THAT COMES THROUGH THESE SCHOOLS AND SUPPORTS THESE SCHOOLS. THE BREAKDOWN IS AS SUCH. THERE ARE 26 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS. 9 ACADEMIC REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ONE HERE IN BOSTON REPRESENTS JUST, 31 LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS, ONE INDEPENDENT VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT MANY ONE EDUCATIONAL COLLABORATIVE. AND FROM BOSTON, LAST SCHOOL YEAR, WE HAD 34 STUDENTS PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE CITY TO FOUR DIFFERENT SCROACIAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS -- VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL AND THAT COST THE DISTRICT OVER \$700,000. THAT NUMBER IS LOW BECAUSE IN THE SCHOOL YEARS PRIOR TO 17-18 WE STOPPED THE ACTIVE PRACTICE OF SENDING KIDS OUTSIDE THE DISTRICT. SO THAT NUMBER HAS SHRUNK TREMENDOUSLY OVER THE YEARS. UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T THINK THAT THAT WE'VE CAPTURED THE STUDENTS WHO HAVE CHOSE EVERYONE WHO HAVE HAD A DESIRE TO GO TO VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOLS. OUTSIDE OF THE DISTRICT WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RECEIVE THEM AT MADISON PARK FOR LOTS OF DIFFERENT REASONS. AND HERE ARE SOME OF THE THEMES. I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO SHARE THE MISSION OF MADISON PARK AND I THINK WE ALL SHARE ITS MISSION TOGETHER. AND SUPPORT ITS MISSION.

BUT I WANT TO READ IT BECAUSE IT DOES GUIDE NOT ONLY THE WORK THAT HAPPENS AT MADISON PARK BUT IT SHOULD BE A GUIDING FORCE FOR DISTRICT AS WELL AS A GUIDING FORCE FOR US LOOKING TO SUPPORT AND IMPROVES WHAT'S HATCHING AT MADISON.

I WILL READ IT OUT LOUD.

TO PROVIDE OUR DIVERSE STUDENTS POPULATION TO RECEIVE A DIVERSE EDUCATION, APPLIED LEARNING AND WORK SITE EXPERIENCE AND TO PREPARE ALL STUDENTS TO SUCCEED IN A TECHNOLOGICALLY ADVANCED CAREERS AND POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.

AND SOME OF THE THINGS WE HEARD DURING OUR TIME VISITING WITH THE FOLKS AT MADISON PARK AS WELL AS THE FRIENDS AND I JUST THAT TERM LOOSELY, THOSE OF US THAT CARE ABOUT MADISON, THE CHALLENGES THAT WE HEARD OVER THE COURSE OF THIS VISIT HAS BEEN ABOUT THE ADMISSIONS POLICY OR THE LACK OF AN ADMISSIONS POLICY, THAT THE STUDENT ASSIGNMENT PROCESS ISN'T AS THOUGHTFUL AS IT SHOULD BE.

THAT THERE ARE A LACK OF VERY DEEP AND LONG LASTING AND MEANINGFUL PARTNERSHIPS.

THERE ARE SOME REALLY SIGNIFICANT PARTNERSHIPS BUT THEY ARE VERY FEW.

THAT WE NEED DEEPER AND MORE PARTNERSHIPS FOR OUR STUDENTS TO ACCESS THE OPPORTUNITIES AS MENTIONED IN THE MISSION STATEMENT.

THAT THE RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE CENTRAL OFFICE NEEDS TO BE VASTLY IMPROVED.

THAT THERE ARE ALSO SOME GANT SIGNIFICANT FUNDING CHANGES LIKE TECH AND VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS ACROSS THE DISTRICTS, THE FUNDING IS DONE DIFFERENTLY IN THE CITY OF BOSTON, WHERE THE FUNDING GOES DIRECTLY TO ALMOST ALL OF THESE OTHER SCHOOLS. THEY ACT AS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

DISTRICTS.

CHAPTER 74 FUNDING FLOWS THROUGH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, GETS DISTRIBUTED TO MADISON PARK BUT ALSO GETS DISTRIBUTED TO OTHER SCHOOLS THAT HAVE CTI PROGRAMS AND THE LIKE.

-- CTE PROGRAMS AND THE LIKE.

I THINK THAT CERTAINLY NEEDS TO BE IMPROVED UPON.

THE FRIENDS OF MADISON PARK, SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR VISITS WITH THE FRIENDS GROUP OVER THE YEAR, REALLY TALKED ABOUT THE LENGTH OF TIME THIS CONVERSATION HAS HAPPENED, BOTH THAT WE'VE HAD TWO MAYORS AND WE KNOW IN BOSTON ALTHOUGH MAYOR WALSH HAS ONLY BEEN WITH US FOR 75 YEARS, THAT PREVIOUSLY MAYOR MENINO WAS WITH US FOR 20 YEARS. WE'VE ALSO HAD THREE SUPERINTENDENTS DURING THAT TIME.

THE INNOVATION PLAN THAT WAS WRITTEN IN 2012 HAD NEVER BEEN ADOPTED.

THAT WE NEEDED TO IMPROVE THE CONNECTION BETWEEN THE CITY THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AND MADISON PARK.

THAT CTE ACROSS THE BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND SOMETHING THAT WE TALK A LOT ABOUT GIVING ACCESS TO A VARIETY OF PROGRAMMING ACROSS OUR DISTRICT ACTUALLY HURTS MADISON.

SO HOW DO WE FIX THAT PROBLEM? AND THAT WE'RE NOT TREATING OUR SCHOOL AND OUR STUDENTS AS FAIRLY AS WE SHOULD BE, OR AS APPROPRIATELY AS WE SHOULD BE.

THEY'RE NOT THE PRIORITY.

AND THAT THE LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE SCHOOL AND THE COMMUNICATION WITH THE COMMUNITY AND THOSE THAT CARE ABOUT MADISON, BOTH INTERNALLY AND EXTERNALLY, IS NOT ALWAYS IDEAL.

WE ALSO MET WITH THE ALLIANCE OF VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL ED IN MASSACHUSETTS.

WE HEARD THERE ARE 500 OPEN SEATS AT MADISON PARK.

REMEMBER, THERE ARE 5200 STUDENTS ON WAIT LISTS ACROSS THE COMMONWEALTH.

THERE IS A NEED AND A DESIRE ARE FOR THIS TYPE OF PROGRAMMING, WORCHESTER TECH HAS 500 AND GREATER LAWRENCE HAS 800 ON THE WAITING LIST.

THAT THERE ARE OVER 3,000 KIDS ACROSS THE STATE THAT HAVE FOUND -- THAT ARE FOUND WE THINK IT'S ACTUALLY 5400, I'M SORRY I DON'T KNOW WHY NOTICES TWO NUMBERS ARE DIFFERENT, THAT INDUSTRY IN GENERAL WANTS TO BE MUCH MORE INVOLVED IN WHAT'S HAPPENING AT MADISON PARK TO SUPPORT IT.

NOW AM I GOING BACKWARDS? SORRY, GET TO THE RIGHT PAGE BUT THIS IS FOR EVERYONE AT HOME THAT'S WATCHING.

SO WORCHESTER TECH WAS A VERY EXCITING TRIP FOR US, PRETTY GOOD SIZED GROUP, LEARNED THAT EVERY EIGHTH GRADER THAT COULD APPLY TO WORCHESTER TECH IS INVITED, RECEIVES AN APPLICATION IN THE MAIL TO APPLY TO WORCHESTER TECH AND THAT THE SCHOOL ALSO PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION FOR TOURS OF THE SCHOOL DURING THAT APPLICATION PROCESS.

THEY HAVE A SKYLINE BISTRO, WE KNOW HOW SUCCESSFUL OUR CULINARY ARTS PROGRAM HAS BEEN AT MADISON, THIS REALLY STRUCK COUNCILOR WU AND I THAT THE RESTAURANT AT WORCHESTER TECH IS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

THEY -- OPEN TO THE PUBLIC. THEY EVEN HAVE PRIORITY PARKING SPACES FOR COMING IN FOR LUNCH DURING THE DAY.

THERE IS A VETERINARIAN CLINIC, THAT CLINIC IS ALSO OPEN TO THE PUBLIC FOR VET CARE THROUGHOUT THE DAY AND IT IS OPERATED LIKE A REGULAR BUSINESS.

AND PEOPLE ARE COMING IN AND OUT AND IT'S A GREAT SPOT, NOT ONLY FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS BUT THE UNIVERSITY STUDENTS AS WELL. THE VET STUDENTS, TO PARTICIPATE

IN GROOMING, TO SURGERY.
IT WAS QUITE FASCINATING.
AND WE TALKED A LOT ABOUT
COLLEGES, AND FOR EVERYONE HERE
BUT THESE PROGRAMS HAVE ALSO
OFFERED OPPORTUNITIES NOT JUST
TO ENTER THE WORKFORCE BUT TO BE
EXPOSED TO SOME INCREDIBLE
OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE AND
POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION.
THERE IS ALSO AN ONSITE DAYCARE
WHICH IS PART OF WORCHESTER
PUBLIC SCHOOLS THAT HAVE
STUDENTS FOCUSED ON EARLY
CHILDHOOD EDUCATION AND -- WE
SAW THE KIDS IN EARLY ED PROGRAM
ARE WORKING IN THAT DAYCARE AND
IT'S PART OF THE WORCHESTER I
PUBLIC SCHOOLS.
WE TALK A LOT ON THE COUNCIL
ABOUT OUR DESIRE TO EXPAND
ACCESS TO EARLY-ED SEATS, K-0,
K-1.
WE COULD DO THAT IN PARTNERSHIP
WITH OUR HIGH SCHOOLS.
MINUTEMAN REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL,
THREE HAVE A STRONG AUTONOMY,
THEY HAVE THE AUTONOMY WITH
THEIR BOARD TO MAKE DECISIONS IN
AREAS SUCH AS CURRICULUM
DEVELOPMENT, BUSINESS
RELATIONSHIPS, AS WELL AS
BUDGETING ACKNOWLEDGE DESIGNING
THEIR OWN BUDGET, HOW THEY ARE
SPENDING THEIR FUNDS.
AND THAT AUTONOMY CERTAINLY
DOESN'T MEAN THAT THEY AREN'T
HELD ACCOUNTABLE.
THERE ARE LOTS OF PRESSURE
POINTS ON THAT SCHOOL COMMUNITY
TO BE SUCCESSFUL.
AND ONE OF THOSE PRESSURE POINTS
HAS -- ONE OF THE RESPONSES HAS
BEEN THAT THAT SCHOOL CAMPUS IS
OPEN FROM 6 A.M. TO 10 P.M.
WE SAW THAT IN WORCHESTER AS
WELL.
IT'S A FULL-DAY EXPERIENCE FOR
STUDENTS AND THEN THE COMMUNITY
AND SOME OF THE LOCAL COLLEGES
ALSO USING THAT SPACE AT THE
SAME TIME.
AGAIN THERE'S A REAL
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SENDING

SCHOOLS, VERY ACTIVE IN ENGAGEMENT IN RECRUITMENT FOR EIGHTH GRADERS ACROSS THEIR DISTRICT AND THEIR SENDING SCHOOLS.

THEY HAVE A VERY ROBUST MILKS PROCESS THAT REFLECTS THE TIME FRAME OF THE ADMISSIONS DECISIONS FOR OTHER SCHOOLS IN THE AREA.

SO THAT FAMILIES ARE APPLYING TO THAT HIGH SCHOOL EXPERIENCE ACROSS THE BOARD.

47% OF THE STUDENT POPULATION AT MINUTEMAN IS ON AN IEP OR 504.

THERE WAS CONVERSATION ABOUT STUDENTS WHO REQUIRE SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES.

THAT THEY ARE TOO PART OF THIS PROCESS AND VERY ACTIVE IN THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND VERY ACTIVE IN SUCCESSFUL STUDENTS AT THE SCHOOL.

I HAD MENTIONED THE PROGRAMMING ON THE CAMPUS FROM 6 TO 10 P.M.

THEY RECEIVE 100% OF CHAIR CHAPTER 74 FUNDS DIRECTLY TO THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FROM THE STATE, MINUTEMAN TECH.

THEY HAVE A NEW BUILDING UNDER DESIGN -- UNDER CONSTRUCTION I'M SORRY, AND JUST A CAVEAT WITH A SCHOOL SAFETY FUND OF MIEFN FOR SOME OF THOSE DESIGN ELEMENTS.

WHEN THEY WENT THROUGH THE PROCESS OF DESIGNING THAT NEW SCHOOL THEY DID IT VERY ACTIVELY TO BE ABLE TO ENGAGE THE COMMUNITY IN THEIR SERVICES.

FOR AUTO MECHANIC BAYS ARE OUTER FACING SO THE PUBLIC CAN ACCESS THOSE SERVICES.

THE RESTAURANT WOULD BE BETTER SUITED FOR TO PUBLIC TO BE ABLE TO ACCESS THOSE RESOURCES.

WE HEARD A LOT OVER THE COURSE OF THIS OVER THE LAST YEAR ABOUT AN NOAFERTION PLAN FROM -- INVOCATION PLAN FROM 2012, THAT REALLY FLECTED A LOT OF THE FINDINGS OVER THE COURSE OF OUR WORK REGARDING MADISON, BUT IS REFLECTING THE COMMENTS OF THOSE THAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN AROUND THE

2012 GLEMTION PLAN WRITING.
THE THEMES ARE VERY MUCH THE
SAME, YOU CAN READ THEM HERE.
SOMETHING I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT
IS ARE THE IDEA WITH AN IMPROVED
SCHOOL PROGRAMMING, WITH
IMPROVED SCHOOL CLIMATE, WITH
IMPROVED ACCESS TO BETTER
PROGRAMMING, THAT WE WOULD SEE A
VERY DIRECT CORRELATION WITH
REDUCING ABSENTEEISM, I KNOW
ABSENTEEISM AND TARDINESS IS
SOMETHING THE SCHOOL DISTRICT
HAS REALLY LOOKED TO DO ACROSS
THE DISTRICT.

SO -- AND GOING INTO AN
INNOVATION STATUS COULD BE THE
RESPONSE TO NOT BEING AN
INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT.
I THINK IT'S CHANGED ON ME.
THERE WE GO.

ALL RIGHT, SO THAT LAST PAGE
BEFORE WE TURN IT OVER TO OUR
PANEL ARE SOME OF THE
RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE HAVE
FROM OUR WORK.

AND I'VE CREATED THEM SHORT
WHICH WOULD BE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR,
MEDIUM, THE SCHOOL YEAR AFTER,
AND LONG, WHICH WOULD BE LONG
TERM PLANS.

WE DON'T BELIEVE WE HAVE THAT
MUCH TIME TO WASTE SO THIS IS
CERTAINLY AN ACCELERATED
PROCESS.

BUT THE FIRST RECOMMENDATION
BECAUSE WE HEARD A LOT ABOUT THE
BUDGET, THE BUDGET PROCESS AND
WE KNOW VERY DIRECTLY HOW MUCH
BUDGET IMPACT WHAT WE'RE ABLE TO
DO IN OUR SCHOOLS.

BUT A BUDGET PROCESS,
IMPROVEMENTS AS IT RELATES TO
CHAP 74 FUNDS THAT ARE DIRECTLY
SENT TO THE BOSTON PUBLIC
SCHOOLS, WE NEED TO REFORMULATE
HOW WE ARE FUNDING MADISON PARK
IN PARTICULAR.

WE NEED TO REPRIORITIZE THE
MADISON PARK CAMPUS, WE ARE IN
THE MIDST OF OUR BUILD BPS PHASE
2 COMMUNITY CONVERSATIONS,
DECISIONS ARE BEING MADE ABOUT
HOW MONEY WILL BE SPENT, AND

WHAT SCHOOLS WILL BE RENOVATED
OVER THE NEXT TEN YEARS OR SO.
WE NEED TO CREATE A REAL PLAN
FOR PARTNERSHIP WITH OUTSIDE
PARTNERS, EMPLOYERS AND
POTENTIAL FUNDERS WITH SOME OF
THE UNCERTAINTY THAT'S ALWAYS
EXISTED AROUND MADISON PARK HAS
BEEN A REAL BARRIER FOR OUTSIDE
PARTNERS TO FULLY COMMIT TO THE
PLADZ COMMUNITY.
AND WE -- MADISON COMMUNITY AND
WE REALIZED WE NEED THIS.
OVER AND OVER WE HEARD ABOUT THE
ADMISSIONS POLICY, THE
APPLICATION POLICY, THAT NEEDS
TO HAPPEN AND HAPPEN PRETTY
QUICKLY.
WE RECOGNIZE THE NEED AT MADISON
FOR A VERY ROBUST AND THOROUGH
APPLICATION PROCESS.
WE NEED TO COMPLETE A PROGRAM
ANALYSIS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OUR
INDUSTRY LEADERS.
WE NEED TO MAKE SURE WHAT'S
HAPPENING AT MADISON, WHAT
PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED AT MADISON
IS WHAT THE WORKFORCE IS ASKING
FOR IN THE FUTURE.
WHEN YOU'RE DONE AT MADISON YOUR
TIME IN MADISON CAN ALSO BE
SPENT IN THE WORKPLACE,
MEANINGFUL EMPLOYMENT THAT WILL
HELP PAY THE BILLS AND HELP YOU
HAVE A LIFELONG TIME HERE BOSTON
SHOULD YOU CHOOSE TO CONTINUE TO
LIVE HERE.
AND THEN WE ALSO NEED TO LOOK I
THINK IN THE SHORT TERM TO
DECIDE WHAT DOES HAPPEN WITH THE
2012 IMPLEMENTATION PLAN THAT
WAS SUGGESTED THAT MANY YEARS
AGO.
IT'S STILL A FAIRLY RELEVANT
DOCUMENT.
I THINK THAT NEEDS TO HAVE
SOME -- A SERIOUS LOOK AT AND
UNDERSTAND WHETHER OR NOT THAT'S
SOMETHING THAT THE MADISON
COMMUNITIES AND EVERYONE ELSE
THAT'S INTERESTED IN MADISON
WANTS TO GO FORWARD.
OKAY.
I HAVE GONE ON LONG ENOUGH.

WE HAVE GOT A GREAT FIRST PANEL
HERE THAT WE LOOK FORWARD TO
HEARING FROM.

IF EACH OF YOU WOULD INTRODUCE
YOURSELF AND SHARE ANY COMMENTS
THAT YOU'D LIKE TO HAVE, KEVIN
I'D LIKE TO START WITH -- WELL,
WE'LL START WITH MS. DICKENS AT
THE END.

IF YOU WOULD INTRODUCE YOURSELF
AND YOU HAVE GOT COMMENTS, THE
MICROPHONE WILL GO ON FOR YOU.

I APPRECIATE EVERYONE FOR
INDULGING ME IN A RATHER LONG
POWERPOINT PRESENTATION HERE.
MS. DICKENS, THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS BRETT DICKENS, I'M
THRILLED TO BE HERE AND THANK
YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR
COMMENTS, WE NEED AND VALUE THE
SUPPORT OF ALL OF YOU AND ALL OF
THE PARTNERS WE SEE IN THE ROOM.
IT'S VERY EXCITING TO HAVE
EVERYONE IN ONE ROOM.

I CAN ASSURE YOU WE ARE WORKDAY
AND NIGHT TOO IMPROVE MADISON
PARK AND THE RESULTS THAT WE'RE
SEEING OVER THE PAST FEW YEARS
SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

THE GRADUATION RATE IS UP, THE
NUMBER OF CREDENTIALS OUR
STUDENTS ARE RECEIVING ARE UP,
DOING ENROLLMENT IN AP COURSES,
BY ANY METRIC WE'RE MAKING
PROGRESS BUT WE'RE JUST
BEGINNING THAT FIGHT AND WE
APPRECIATE EVERYONE'S SUPPORT.

>> MY NAME DISOLWELL, I'M A
STUDENT AT MADISON PARK
TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH
SCHOOL, I'M IN THE COSMETOLOGY
PROGRAM.

BEING INTRODUCED THROUGH THE
PROGRAM I'VE SEEN MORE AP
CLASSES AND HONORS CLASSES THAT
I'VE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN THAT
HAS DEFINITELY EXTENDED MY
KNOWLEDGE ON CERTAIN TOPICS.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> GOOD AFTERNOON.

SORRY.

OKAY.

GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JOSE MOWERNO I'M A SENIOR AT MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, I'M IN THE BROADCASTING PROGRAM, I FEEDBACK ON WHAT MEL 9 ANY WAS 60sING.

I HAVE SEEN A MAJOR CHANGE AT MADISON PARK.

MADISON PARK NEEDS TO EXPAND AND BROAD STUDY TYPE OF US DOING IT FROM MADISON PARK.

I THINK I'VE BEEN ABLE TO STEP OUT OF MY BUBBLE AND DEFINITELY SHOW MY TRUE CLORGS OF WHO I AM AND WHAT I CAN DO.

SO THANK YOU.

>> QUARCH, EVERYONE, MY NAME IS KEVIN McCASKELL, DIRECTOR OF MADISON TECHNICAL VEECIAL HIGH SCHOOL.

YOU NOTICE EVERY STUDENTS SAID MADISON PARK TECH VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.

WE ARE A TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND WE WANT THAT THAT IDENTITY, SOMEWHAT TO YOU'RE SISTER SCHOOLS IN THE COMMONWEALTH BUT JUST TO ECHO WHAT BRETT AND THE TWO STUDENTS HAVE INDICATED, THIS IS MY FOURTH YEAR THERE AND I AM PLEASED.

I'M PLEASED WITH THE WORK BUT ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT MUCH WORK IS TO BE DONE AND WE'LL LOOK ONE OF OUR PARTNERS.

OUR PARTNERS HAVE BEEN FANTASTIC WORKING WITH US, ONE TO MY RIGHT FROM YOUTH BUILD BOSTON AND WE ARE LOOKING TO GAIN ADDITIONAL PARTNERS TO REALLY GALVANIZE THE WORK THAT IS CURRENTLY HAPPENING AT MADISON PARK.

WE TRULY WANT INPUT AND WE WANT CRITICAL PARTNERS.

WE JUST DON'T WANT PARTNERS WHO WILL BE THERE ONE DAY AND GONE THE NEXT.

FOLKS WHO WILL CRITIQUE THE WORK AND NOT CRITICIZE THE WORK AND

THERE'S A DIFFERENCE.
THOSE ARE THE TYPE OF PARTNERS
WE REALLY WANT AND THOSE ARE THE
KIND OF CITY LEADERS WE WANT AS
WELL.
CENTRAL OFFICE PARTNERS, WE WANT
THE SAME EXPECTATION OUTS OF
THEM.
HOW DO YOU BECOME A CRITICAL
PARTNER IN IMPROVING THE LIVES
OF OUR STUDENTS.
ESPECIALLY THE STUDENTS AT
MADISON PARK BECAUSE OUR
CATCHMENT AREA IS PRIMARY THREE
AREAS, ROXBURY, DORCHESTER AND
MATTAPAN.
THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE TALKING
ABOUT, THAT'S WHAT WE'RE LOOKING
TO ADDRESS.
AGAIN THE WORK HAS BEEN EXCITING
AND WE WILL NOT STOP AND I'M
JUST REALLY BLESSED TO HAVE THE
OPPORTUNITY LEAD THE SCHOOL SO
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU.

>> MY NAME IS GREG MUMFORD, I'M
THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF YOUTH
BUILD BOSTON, A TRAINING SCHOOL
PREAPPRENTICE PROGRAM, WE
ACTUALLY HAVE THREE PROGRAMS.
WE HAVE A PROGRAM CALLED THE
DESIGNARY, A CO-ASPIRATION IN
THE TERM OF ARCHITECTURE, WE
HAVE A PROGRAM CALLED THE
BUILDING ASPIRATION PROGRAM.
NO STUDENTS ARE IN NEED OF A
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA OR GED.
AND THE PROGRAM WHICH IS GEARED
TO BEING A RESOURCE TO THE
BUILDING TRADES.
WE HAVE BEEN IN A RELATIONSHIP
WITH MADISON PARK FOR A LONG
TIME.
ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES JUST
RETIRED AND WHETHER WE STARTED
THE RELATIONSHIP, ARE PADZ PARK
STUDENTS IN THE PROGRAM WAS
LOOKED UPON AS THE 13th YEAR
STUDENT.
IF THEY WERE LEAVING MADISON
PARK AND THEY WEREN'T REALLY
READY TO THE WORKFORCE THEY

WOULD COME TO US FOR 13th
YEAR.

WE CREATED A RELATIONSHIP THAT
BROUGHT THEM OUT OF THE SCHOOL,
THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS TO COME
OUT OF THE SCHOOL TO WORK FOR US
TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN
THE CITY.

WE HAVE DONE FOUR OF THEM SO
FAR.

IT'S BEEN A GREAT RELATIONSHIP
TO SEE THE JUNIORS AND SENIORS
COME OUT TO BUILD AFFORDABLE
HOUSING IN THE COMMUNITY BECAUSE
THAT'S LONG LASTING FOR THEM.

WHEN THEY GRADUATE THEY CAN
DRIVE BY, THEY CAN TELL THEIR
GIRLFRIENDS, LIE ABOUT THEY
BUILT ALL THIS STUFF.

SINCE THEN WE GET MADISON PARK
STUDENTS EVERY YEAR.

WE LOVE THAT RELATIONSHIP AND WE
JUST SIGNED A NEW MOU THIS SIGNED AGAIN WITH THEM.
THAT'S WHAT WE DO.

WE SUPPORT THEM A HUNDRED
PERCENT AND I'M ALWAYS THERE FOR
KEVIN.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I'M JUDITH BAKER -- 1979

AFTER EIGHT YEARS AT THE BURKE
AND IT WAS WITH THE CENTER NEXT
DOOR, IT WAS A JEWEL.

AND THAT JEWEL HAS COMPLETELY
BEEN EVISCERATED OVER THE LAST
YEARS.

AND I AM SPEAKING FOR THE
FRIENDS OF MADISON PARK.

WE WANT IT TO SHINE AGAIN BUT WE
REALLY ARE VERY AWARE OF THE
WORK THAT IT WILL TAKE.

THE FACT THAT IT WASN'T EVEN
INCLUDED BPS'S PLAN WAS AN
INCREDIBLE SHOCK TO ME BECAUSE
THE BUILDING WAS BUILT IN THE
EARLY 70'S.

IT IS ABSOLUTELY INADEQUATE TO
THE TRADES AND THE JOBS THAT ARE
IN THE BOSTON AREA NOW.

SCIENCE LABS, COMPUTER DESIGN.
I MEAN YOU NAME THE JOBS THAT
ARE OUT THERE.

THE CONSTRUCTION TRADE AREAS ARE

OKAY.
THE REST OF THE SCHOOL IS NOT.
THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT IT.
YOU NEED MORE SPACE, YOU NEED
BIG INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT.
IT WASN'T EVEN BENCHED IN THE
BPS WHICH IS THE NEXT TEN YEARS
INVESTMENT.
TO ME THIS SAYS FORGET MADISON.
I'M ASKING YOU AS COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE HAD IN OUR POWER
POINT TO PUT IT BACK IN BUILD
BPS.
I AM AWE -- I FIGHT FOR THAT
SCHOOL TIME AND TIME.
MY HUSBAND TOLD ME I'M TOO
NEGATIVE AND THAT I NEED TO BE
POSITIVE.
I AM POSITIVE IN THAT WE HAVE A
QUALIFIED DIRECTOR.
WE DIDN'T HAVE THEM FOR MOST OF
YEARS THAT I WAS THERE.
WE THOROUGHLY HAVE A SENSE OF
THE FACT THAT IT'S ACTUALLY A
TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL SCWOOL.
IT'S BEEN CAST PREP SCHOOL FOR
THE LAST 20 YEARS.
NOW IF YOU ASK -- FOR I'VE
GRADUATE IN BOSTON -- FOR EVERY
GRADUATE IN BOSTON, THE ONLY
KIDS WHO PASSED ARE THE ONE FROM
MADISON PARK.
LOTS OF OUR KIDS DO GO TO
COLLEGE.
LOTS OF OUR KIDS ARE TERRIFIC
ACADEMIC STUDENTS WHO ARE
HANDS-ON WINNERS, WHO WANT TO
BECOME ENGINEERS.
WE ARE NOT JUST A BUILDING
TRADES OR A PLACE WHERE KIDS
HAVE A SIXTH GRADE EDUCATION.
THERE ARE LOTS OF KINDS OF
PEOPLE WHO REALLY NEED THIS
SCHOOL.
BUT LET ME JUST SAY ONE OTHER
THING.
I KNOW I'M GOING ON TOO LONG.
I HANDED OUT TO THE MEMBERS OF
THE TOY COUNCIL THE HISTORY OF
THE SCHOOL.
I HOPE OTHER PEOPLE GET A CHANCE
TO SEE IT -- ALONG WITH
DR. CLIFF JADY AND THIN IT WAS
GRADUALLY AND ACCELERATINGLY E

EWRIST VALUATED.

I GOT THERE IN 1979 AND LEFT IN
2005.

OUR TRADES PROGRAM USED TO HAVE
A BUSINESS AGENT.

THE BUSINESS AGENT TOOK IN REAL
WORK.

WE DID THE PRINTING FOR THE CITY
IN PRINTING.

WE DID COMMERCIAL DESIGNS FOR
THE CITY.

WE HAD A BUSINESS AGENT IN THE
CONSTRUCTION SHOP.

WE HAD A BUSINESS AGENT FOR THE
COMMERCIAL AREAS.

WE HAD A CHILD CARE CENTER FOR
YOUNG WOMEN AND MEN WHO HAD
CHILDREN AND NEEDED CARE FOR
THEIR CHILDREN.

WHY DID YOU LOSE THOSE THINGS.
THEY WENT ON AND WE DROPPED
WELDING TOWARD THE BEGINNING OF
THE DIG.

YOU TELL ME, WHY DO YOU HAVE TO
GO TO PERU FOR A WELDER.

I'VE SEEN THEM ON THE STREET.

A MONTH AGO I WAS ON THE STREET
WITH A COUPLE BOYS WHO DROPPED
OTHER OF SCHOOL BECAUSE FOR
WHATEVER REASON THAT'S ONE THING
THAT I DO.

I WAS TALKING TO THESE YOUNG MEN
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE.

THEY DON'T KNOW THE NAMES OF THE
JOBS THAT ARE AVAILABLE IN THIS
CITY.

YOU CAN'T ASPIRE TO SOMETHING
THAT YOU DON'T KNOW EXISTS.

IF YOU WANT TO SOLVE THE SKILLS
PROGRAM, YOU DON'T JUST BUILD A
SHOP.

THAT DOESN'T GIVE YOU ANYTHING.
YOU'VE GOT TO START FROM THE
BEGINNING IN THE EARLIER GRADES
WHERE KIDS KNOW WHAT THESE JOBS
ARE.

THEY GET TO SEE THEM.

I KNOW THAT MR. MCCASKILL IS
STARTING TO BRING THOSE MIDDLE
SCHOOLS IN TO SEE SOME OF THESE
TRADES.

YOU CAN'T ASPIRE TO THE THINGS
THAT ARE BEING UNFILLED BY OUR
STUDENTS.

THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT THOSE JOBS.

SO IF YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE LIVES OF THE KIDS IN THE SCHOOL WHERE I LIVE. YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DO A LOT MORE THAN JUST BUILD THE SHOP. YOU'VE GOT TO MARKET, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OUT COMMUNITY, YOU HAVE TO LET PEOPLE INTO THOSE OFFICES AND THE TECH SQUARE AND ELSEWHERE AND THE BIOMEDICAL FIELDS.

YOU'VE GOT TO LET THOSE CHILDREN ASPIRE TO THOSE JOBS.

IT'S NOT JUST BUILDING A SHOP. AND THEN WHEN YOU GOT -- I'M GOING ON TOO LONG, I'M SORRY.

>> GO AHEAD.

>> I'M VERY SORRY.

WHEN YOU FINALLY GOT THEM IN THE BUILDING.

THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE, GIRLS AND BOYS, WHO REALLY NEED A HIGHLY TRUCKURED PROGRAM. THEY NEED A HIGHLY TRUCKURED PROGRAM.

WE USED TO HAVE TWO TERRIFIC HIGHERLY STRUCTURED PROGRAMS. MORE THAN TWO.

ONE OF THEM WAS CALLED HOME BASE.

THOSE YOUNG PEOPLE HAD TO SIGN IN.

IF THEY WERE NOT THERE SOMEONE WENT TO THEIR HOUSE LOOKING FOR THEM.

THEN YOU SAY OH MY GOODNESS.

WELL, I WAS A BASKETBALL COACH AND I HAVE COLLEGE ALL AMERICANS WHO WENT THROUGH THAT PROGRAM WHO WOULD NEVER HAVE GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL WITHOUT IT. WAY SO-CALLED COURT-INVOLVED STUDENTS.

MR. MADISON WAS HERE FROM THAT PROGRAM WHERE THOSE STUDENTS WERE VERY HIGH FACULTY TO STUDENT RATIO AND THEY HAD A VERY HIGH SUCCESS RATE.

RATETHAT THEY WOULD NOT HAVE HAD.

AND THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN WITH
SHERIFF TOM KIN INSTEAD OF
MR. MARSHALL.

YOU HAVE TO LOOK AT THE KIDS
COMING IN AND SAY OKAY WE'VE GOT
TO START EARLY WITH THE
FAMILIES.

MANY OF OUR FAMILIES ARE FIRST
GENERATION.

THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT SKILLS ARE
IN BOSTON.

AS THEY ASPIRE TO FIXING CARS.
GOOD.

THEY COULD ASPIRE TO RESEARCH IF
THEY KNEW ABOUT IT.

THEY DON'T KNOW ABOUT IT.

WHAT I'M SAYING IS YES, PUT THE
BANDS AIDS ON THE SCHOOL BUT
LET'S DO A WHOLE LOT MORE THAN
THAT.

LET'S LOOK AT TECHNICAL
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AS THE WAY
THAT THE PEOPLE WHO LIVE NOW CAN
EARN ENOUGH MONEY AND A TITS TO
STAY IN THE CITY, CAN LIFT UP
THEIR HEADS IN FRONT OF THEIR
OWN CHILDREN INSTEAD OF HAVING
TO VISIT THEM THROUGH A SCREEN
OR MOVE TO FALL RIVER IN GEORGIA
BECAUSE AN AWFUL LOT OF MY
STUDENTS HAVE HAD TO MOVE.

THEY DON'T LIVE IN BOSTON
ANYMORE AND IT'S NOT FEAR.
AND THEY'RE NOT ALL PEOPLE OF
COLOR.

WE'VE LOST MOST OF OUR WHITE
STUDENTS BUT THERE ARE PLENTY OF
THEM WHO OUGHT TO BE IN THAT
SCHOOL.

THERE OUGHT TO BE A DESEGREGATED
INSTEAD OF A RESEGREGATED
SCHOOL.

I'M PLEADING WITH YOU, WE NEED
LEADERSHIP.

IT WILL PAY OFF IN THE MOST
WONDERFUL, IT COULD BE ONE OF
THOSE URBAN CENTERS WHERE YOU'RE
NOT THROWN OUT BECAUSE YOU'RE
POOR, BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT A WAY
IN.

WE COULD BE THAT CITY.

WE ARE NOT THAT CITY.

WE ARE NOT THAT SCHOOL
COMMITTEE.

WE DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBERS COMING OVER TO MADISON PARK.

I'VE NEVER SEEN ONE IN THE BUILDING.

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE HAS NO INTEREST IN MADISON PARK.

I'M SORRY IF I'M OFFENDING PEOPLE BUT I BELIEVE THAT.

MAYBE I'M WRONG.

WHY NOT GO TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

WE COME TO THE CITY COUNCIL BECAUSE HERE IS WHERE ACT DEMONSTRATE YOU CAN DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNE -- ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT AND COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER.

THIS IS WHERE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITIES COME TOGETHER.

WE NEED YOU.

NOW I'VE DISTRIBUTED TWO THINGS WHICH THE AUDIENCE CAN'T SEE, I WISH THEY WOULD.

ONE IS MADISON PARK'S SUGGESTIONS PROVISION PAPER. IT INCLUDES MUCH OF WHAT I'VE SAID.

AND I WANT TO MAKE ONE COMMENT ABOUT SPECIAL ED AND BILINGUAL STUDENTS BEFORE I FINISH.

WE WANT SPECIAL ED STUDENT, WE WANT BILINGUAL STUDENT.

THIS IS NOT, WE DON'T REJECT THAT.

OWE MIXES AND RETENTION POLICY HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH REJECTING, WITH EXCLUDING.

IT HAS TO DO WITH CREATING PROGRAMS WHERE PEOPLE WILL SUCCEED.

STUDENTS NEED MORE THAN WE ARE ABLE TO GIVE THEM.

IT'S NOT BECAUSE THE STAFF DON'T WANT TO GIVE THESE PEOPLE THESE PROGRAMS.

IT'S NOT BECAUSE ALL OF YOU DON'T AGREE WITH ME.

NO ONE EVER DISAGREES WITH ME, THEY JUST DON'T DO IT.

I'M SORRY.

THAT'S WHAT I THINK.

NOW, I THANK YOU.

THE FRIENDS OF MADISON PARK

THANK YOU BECAUSE WE REALLY DO BELIEVE THAT THERE'S A CHANCE. WE BELIEVE THIS IS THE MOMENT AND WE HOPE THAT SOMEBODY WILL RISE UP AND SAY DO YOU KNOW WHAT, I'M GOING TO FIGHT FOR THIS, I'M GOING TO MAKE IT HAPPEN. THANK YOU VERY VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU JUDITH. PLEASE PLEASE. [APPLAUSE]

>> FOR MY COLLEAGUES, I'M GOING TO OPEN IT UP TO QUESTIONS. WE DO HAVE A LOT OF COLLEAGUES HERE AS WELL AS TWO MORE PANELS. I'M GOING TO LIMIT TO FIVE MINUTES. COUNCILOR JANEY.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH. LET ME JUST BEGIN BY THANKING YOU, JUDITH FOR KIND OF SETTING THE STAGE AND BEING THAT HISTORIAN GOING ALL THE WAY BACK TO MADISON FOUNDING AND FOR REALLY COMMUNICATING THE URGENCY THAT NOT ONLY YOU FEEL BUT ALL THOSE WHO ARE IN THIS ROOM FEEL, SO THANK YOU. ALSO THANK YOU TO EVERYONE HERE ON THIS PANEL FROM DIRECTOR TO HEAD MASTER TO STUDENT AND COMMUNITY PARTNER YOUTH BUILT. I WANT TO FOLLOW UP WITH OUR YOUNG PEOPLE FIRST IF I MAY. I'D LOVE TO HEAR MORE FROM JOSE AND MELANIE. SO MELANIE YOU MENTIONED DUAL ENROLLMENT. CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT THAT AND WHERE YOU ARE ENROLLED.

>> OKAY. SO -- IS A PROGRAM WHERE YOU RECEIVE COLLEGE CREDITS AT THE SAME TIME AS YOU'RE RECEIVING YOUR HIGH SCHOOL CREDITS. I'M A MATH MAJOR AT BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND I SHOULD HAVE AROUND 23 CREDITS AND THE GOAL IS TO WORK MY WAY TO AN

ASSOCIATES DEGREE BY THE TIME I
FINISH HIGH SCHOOL.

>> EXCELLENT.

JOSE, YOU MENTIONED RADIO AND
TELEVISION BROADCASTING.
CAN YOU TELL ME MORE ABOUT WHAT
EXPERIENCES YOU'VE HAD OUTSIDE
OF SCHOOL, WHAT KIND OF
PARTNERSHIPS OR PROGRAMS YOU'VE
BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF
BECAUSE OF YOUR TIME AT MADISON.

>> YES.

LIKE I GUESS SOPHMORE YEAR I'VE
BEEN INTRODUCED TO SKILLS USA
AND THAT HAS SHOWN ME OTHER
SCHOOLS THAT'S ALSO BEEN
INVOLVED AND CREATING THE SKILLS
YOU WOULD SAY, PROGRAM
CONFERENCE AND COMPETITION.
AND WITH RADIO AND TELEVISION,
I'VE BEEN ALSO ABLE TO LOOK AT
INTERNSHIPS.
I'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK WITH
LET'S SAY THE, OH, YES, PBS.
I'VE BEEN LOOKING AT THEIR --

>> THAT'S OKAY.

IF IT COMES BACK TO YOU, THAT'S
FINE.

NO PROBLEM.

I HAVE A FEW MORE QUESTIONS FOR
OTHERS.

MS. DICKENS, YOU MENTIONED THAT
GRADUATION IS UP AND ENROLLMENT
IS UP AND CERTIFICATION IS UP.
CAN YOU ADD TOO MANY SPECIFIC
NUMBERS TO THAT.

>> OUR GRADUATION NUMBERS WILL
BE RELEASED IN JANUARY.

WE BELIEVE THEY WILL BE THE
STRONGEST IN THE LAST FIVE TO
TEN YEARS.

>> WHAT WERE THEY LAST YEAR?

>> THEY WERE 57 AND WE'RE HEADED
FOR 68% FOR THE CLASS OF 2018.
IN TERMS OF -- DID YOU ASK
ABOUT --

>> DUAL ENROLLMENT.

>> DUAL ENROLLMENT, WE GO BY CREDITS AND SO THE CREDITS EARNED I BELIEVE WILL BE 300 THIS YEAR, I DON'T HAVE THE STATISTICS IN FRONT OF ME BUT I CAN FORWARD THEM TO THE COMMITTEE.

>> HODGE COLLEGES OR UNIVERSITIES.

>> INVOLVED IN THE DUAL ENROLLMENT.
UNDER THE UMBRELLA IT'S THREE, ROXBURY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, BUNKER HILL COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND BEN FRANKLIN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND MOST RECENTLY WENT WORTH INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.

>> WE CAN PROVIDE SOME NUMBERS IF YOU'D LIKE?
IN 2014/15, 15 STUDENTS OBTAINED 45 CREDITS IN DUAL ENROLLMENT CREDITS.
AND 2015, 16 WENT TO 45 STUDENTS AND 57 CREDITS.

>> YOU WENT FROM 5 --

>> 15 PARTICIPANTS TO 45 PARTICIPANTS.
FROM 45 CREDITS TO 157 CREDITS.
IN 2016 AND 17, 42 PARTICIPANTS AND THEY OBTAINED 328 CREDITS.
AND JUST THIS PAST YEAR WE HAD NEARLY 50 STUDENTS AND THEY OBTAINED 378 CREDITS.
THAT IS OVER A 700% INCREASE OVER FOUR YEARS.

>> THAT'S EXCELLENT.
LET ME ASK THIS.
DO YOU HAVE A GOAL OF WHERE YOU'D LIKE TO REACH IN TERMS OF HOW MANY STUDENTS IN YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF DUAL ENROLLMENT?
AS MELANIE ALREADY POINTED OUT, A VERY IMPORTANT PIECE OF THIS IS THAT YOU THEN GRADUATE.
YOU COULD GRADUATE WITH AN

ASSOCIATES.

YOU COULD GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL WITH AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE AND SO THE ADVANTAGE THAT YOU HAVE COMING OUT OF HIGH SCHOOL, YOU KNOW, ABLE TO GET AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE DEBT FREE, FLEE OF CHARGE -- FREE OF CHARGE IS AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE.

DO YOU HAVE LIKE A GOAL.

>> EACH YEAR WE WANT TO INCREASE.
EVERY YEAR THAT IS THE GOAL.

>> I'M SORRY, THAT TIME FLEW BY. MR. FERRED, YOU MENTIONED THE WORK YOU'RE DOING HELPING BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING WHICH IS SO IMPORTANT PARTICULARLY GIVEN THE HOUSING CRISES AND CRUNCH THAT WE'RE IN AND YOU TALKED ABOUT THE NEW M.O.U. JUST BEING SIGNED.
HOW MANY STUDENTS ARE WE TALKING ABOUT COMING FROM YOUTH BUILD FROM MADISON.

>> DEPENDS HOW MANY ARE IN THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR CLASS.
THOSE ARE THE CLASSES THAT COME TO MADISON AND IT COULD BE, IT REALLY DEPENDS ON KEVIN AND IT COULD BE SEVEN, IT COULD BE 5.
IT DEPENDS ON WHO IS -- IT COULD BE 15.
DEPENDS ON WHO IS READY TO COME.

>> HOW MUCH ROOM DO YOU HAVE SPACE FOR.

>> WE HAVE SPACE FOR WHOEVER THEY SEND BECAUSE THEY DO COME WITH AN INSTRUCTOR.
SO IT IS GROUND UP CONSTRUCTION SO IT'S NOT LIKE THEY ARE PAINTING OVER HERE.
IT'S GROUND UP.
THEY COME WITH AN INSTRUCTOR.
THEY'RE PULLING A NEW HOUSE.
THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR THEM.

>> IS IT POTENTIAL FOR DOUBLE.

>> IF THEY DO DOUBLE, MOST OF THE TIME THEY SEND ANOTHER INSTRUCTOR. SOMETIMES THEY SEND THREE, DEPENDING ON THE GROUP THAT THEY SEND.

>> I WANT TO BE MINDFUL THAT LOTS OF FOLKS HERE WHO WANT TO SPEAK AND MY TIME IS UP. IT WENT BY FAST BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH SO AND I'LL SAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FOR ANOTHER ROUND.

>> THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO RECOGNIZE WE'VE BEEN JOINED BY COUNCILOR EDWARDS. COUNCILOR WU.

>> THANK YOU. THANK EVERYONE FOR YOUR PRESENTATIONS. IT'S GREAT TO SEE A LOT OF YOU AGAIN. AND WE HAVE COME FULL CIRCLE IN SOME OF OUR CONVERSATIONS. I REMEMBER THAT FIRST DAY AT MADISON SITTING WITH STUDENTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND FRIENDS. SO BECAUSE WE HAVE A LOT OF BACKGROUND I WANT TO KEEP IT SIMPLE. IF EACH OF THE PANELISTS COULD ANSWER ONE QUESTION WHICH IS WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST URGENT, SO IF YOU COULD CHANGE ONE THING ABOUT MADISON PARK VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BEFORE THE START OF THE NEXT SCHOOL YEAR, WHAT WOULD THAT ONE THING BE?

>> FOR THE STUDENTS NOT THE SCHOOL LUNCH.

>> WE'LL START WITH MS. DICKENS.

>> I GUESS I WOULD SAY THAT, AND I THINK WE'RE MAKING STRIDES IN THIS BUT THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND THE RECRUITMENT EFFORTS ARE TIED TOGETHER AND I THINK AS

MS. BAKER STATED, THAT IT'S NOT A PARTICULAR ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT LEVEL WE'RE LOOKING FOR OR PARTICULAR TYPE OF STUDENT BUT GETTING THE AWARENESS OUT THERE SO THAT THERE IS WHAT I ALWAYS CALL INTENTIONALITY WITH STUDENTS THAT COME TO MADISON PARK.

>> I'M SORRY JUST TO INTERRUPT ON THAT FOR ONE SECOND, WHEN WOULD THAT NEED TO BE IN TERMS OF TIME OF THE YEAR THAT WOULD NEED TO HAPPEN?

>> THAT IS HAPPENING NOW. THAT IS THE PROCESS THE FIRST ROUND FOR BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS IN JANUARY.

>> YES.
THANK YOU.

>> WELL SPEAKING AS A STUDENT JUST OUT OF THE SCHOOL LUNCH, I WOULD DEFINITELY LOVE TO IMPROVE SCHOOL SPIRITS.
THIS IS GOING TO BE MY SENIOR YEAR AND LAST YEAR ATTENDING THAT COOL.
I BELIEVE WE WILL NOT BE HOLDING THE -- NEVER MIND.
MY FRESHMAN YEAR GOING TO THAT SCHOOL, PICKED OUT TO BE AS A TYPICAL MADISON STUDENT, I WOULD BE ASHAMED, I WOULD BE SHY SAYING I CAME FROM MADISON TECH VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL.
AS THE YEARS GOING ON I ACTUALLY LEARNED WHAT IT MEANT TO BE A MADISON PARK STUDENT AND I'VE LEARNED TO APPRECIATE THE RESOURCES THAT ARE ALLOWED AND ACCESSIBLE TO ME IN THIS BUILDING.
I'M HONESTLY PROUD TO SAY I AM A PROUD STUDENT FROM THIS SCHOOL.
AND I DEFINITELY LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING MY YOUNGEST SIBLINGS COMING TO THE SAME STAGES I'VE BEEN IN AT ATTENDING THIS SCHOOL AS WELL.
AND YES.

SO ONE THING I WOULD LIKE THEM TO HAVE IS THAT PROVIDE OF BEING A MADISON PARK STUDENT.

>> ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT A CITY-WIDE ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE STEREOTYPE NOT MATCHING WITH WHAT'S ACTUALLY HAPPENING IN RATHER THAN JUST INSIDE MADISON PARK.

>> YES, INCLUDING THAT ISSUE.

>> PERFECT.

>> I SHOULD REALLY JUST -- I GUESS I PROBABLY AFTER MAYBE NEED ONLY SORT OF TRANSPORTATION. IT'S BEEN VERY DIFFICULT FOR ME TO COMMUTE FROM WHERE I LIVE WHICH IS HYDE PARK ALL THE WAY TO MADISON PARK. DEFINITELY HAVE TO SAY AGAIN I DEFINITELY HOLD AGAIN A BIG PRIDE BEING A MADISON PARK STUDENT. I ENJOY GOING TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY. THEY GIVE ME A REASON TO GO. IT'S BEEN CHALLENGING TO ME. I'M NOT SURE IF THIS IS A RUMOR BUT IN THE PAST I KNOW WHAT THE WHOLE MBTA SYSTEM HAS BEEN SWITCHED AROUND FROM SCHOOL BUSES TO MBTA AND STUDENTS BEING OFFERED BUS PASSES BUT I DON'T KNOW IF THERE WAS ORIGINALLY A SCHOOL BUS THAT SAY DEPARTED FROM FOREST HILLS AND WOULD DROP OFF STUDENTS AT MADISON PARK SO I WOULD SHOW UP ON TIME. BUT THAT HAS BEEN MY ISSUE ARRIVING TARDY BECAUSE DEALING WITH MBTA ISSUES AND BUS BREAK DOWNS HAS BECOME A PROBLEM.

>> WHAT TIME DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE.

>> I WAKE UP 5:30 BUT I WOULD HAVE BEEN OUT OF THE HOUSE BY 6:30 THE MAX. I HAVE TO LEAVE AT 6:30 TO

ARRIVE AT MADISON SMALLER AT
7:30.

I GIVE MYSELF 30 TO 45 MINUTES
BUT IF I WANT TO RUN TO DUNKIN
DOUGHNUT FOR A BREAKFAST.

>> THAT'S ON THE LINE.

>> YES.

>> I WOULD LOVE THE OPPORTUNITY
FOR THE CITY OF BOSTON TO
EMBRACE THIS SCHOOL AT A UNIQUE
AND SPECIAL PLACE THAT IS
DESERVING OF THIS TYPE OF
SCHOOL.

SIMILAR TO WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN
WORCESTER, SIMILAR THAT TOOK
PLACE IN SPRINGFIELD AND THAT
THIS PHENOMENON OF CAREER
VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL EDUCATION
IS HAVING ACROSS THE COUNTRY.
WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT THE EXAM
SCHOOLS AND YOU TALK ABOUT THE
PILOT SCHOOLS, WE ARE IN THE
SAME BREATH OF THOSE SCHOOLS FOR
THE SIMPLE FACT OF WHAT WE DO.
AND THAT'S GOT TO BE SOMETHING
THAT AS A COLLECTIVE OF BOSTON,
A COLLECTIVE, I WANT TO SAY IT
ONE MORE TIME, A COLLECTIVE OF
BOSTON, TO EMBRACE THAT.
WHERE EVERYBODY IS TALKING ABOUT
THIS SCHOOL AND NOT JUST FROM
THE 20 YEAR PAST THAT IT'S HAD
BUT THE POSSIBILITIES THAT CAN
OCCUR WITH PEOPLE COMING ON
BOARD WITH THIS SCHOOL.
SO IT'S GOING TO BE FROM A FIXED
MIND SET TO A GROWTH MIND SET OF
REALLY EMBRACING THIS SCHOOL AND
PROPELLING IT TO BE THE JEWEL OF
THE CITY.

>> THANK YOU.

>> I GUESS I WOULD LIKE TO SEE
GUIDANCE BE A LITTLE BIT MORE
FORTH COME CANNING AND ALL THE
GOOD THINGS THIS SCHOOL OFFERS
AND ALL THE PROGRAMS YOU HAVE TO
SELECT THOSE STUDENTS FOR THE
OPPORTUNITY IN THOSE FIELDS THAT
THEY CAN TAKE ADVANTAGE OF.

EVEN AS YOU SIR, EVEN THOUGH WE
TO A LOT OF CONSTRUCTION WE GET
OPPORTUNITIES FROM ALL OVER THE
PLACE.

ALL OF OUR STUDENTS MIGHT BUILD
BUT SOMETIMES THEY DECIDE TO
MAKE A MOVE TO ANOTHER INDUSTRY
AND WE WELCOME THAT .

I JUST GOT A CONTRACT FROM LOCAL
418 WHICH IS AN ENTERTAINMENT
UNION, THEY DO MOVIES.

I'M MEETING WITH THEM TOMORROW
BECAUSE SHE ECHOED THE SAME
WORDS THAT THIS WOMAN SAID, THAT
THIS SO MANY JOBS IN THAT
INDUSTRY THAT THESE YOUNG PEOPLE
DON'T KNOW ABOUT.

SHE WANTS TO, WITH ME WHEN I WAS
LISTENING TO THAT YOUNG MAN
SPEAK I THOUGHT ABOUT HIM RIGHT
AWAY.

HE DOESN'T EVEN GO THERE BUT
THESE UNIONS CAN WORK ON THESE
SETS, IF SHE WANTS TOOMED THE
RADIO BROADCASTING AND THAT KIND
OF THING.

THAT'S HOW I WOULD LIKE THEM TO
THINK AT MADISON PARK.

>> I JUST SECOND WHAT THE
DIRECTOR SAID.

>> THANK YOU.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
COUNCILOR BAKER.

>> THANK YOU.
GREG, HOW ARE YOU TODAY.

>> I'M DOING FINE.

>> GOOD.
WHAT DO THE STRUCTURES LOOK LIKE
THAT YOU BUILD WITH.
YOU BUILD TWO FAMILY, SINGLE
FAMILIES.

>> WE BUILD TWO FAMILY HOMES IN
THE CITY.
WE'VE ALSO BEEN LUCKY ENOUGH
WITH OUR PARTNERS AT THE
SCOWTION, WE'VE BEEN A SECOND
TEAR SUBCONTRACTOR IN THE
HEIGHTS AND EAST BOSTON.

WE'VE ALSO BUILT SOME STRUCTURE
OVER THERE THE MARRIOTT RESIDENT
IN.

WE'RE SOMETHING TREE TO THE
CARPENTERS SO WE CAN TAKE ON
SOME OF THE JOBS BECAUSE OF THAT
SIGNATORY RELATIONSHIP THAT WE
CAN.

TRYING TO GET ON PHASE TWO RIGHT
NOW.

SO WE BUILD MOSTLY AFFORDABLE
HOUSING FOR FIRST TIME HOME
BUYERS IN THE CITY AND WE WORK
WITH THE CITY OF BOSTON,
DEPARTMENTAL DEVELOPMENT WITH
THESE VACANT LOTS AND WE BUILD
THEM.

WE BRING OUR STUDENTS FROM OUR
MUDSON PARK AND WE HAVE THE OSHA
STANDARDS AND HAVE THE UNION
INVOLVED.

WE TRY TO BE, WE TRY TO BE A
RESOURCE TO THE BUILDING TRADES.

>> LIKE YOU SAID YOU DO
FOUNDATION TO FINISH ALL THE
WAY.

>> ABSOLUTELY.
THE PROJECT WE'RE DOING RIGHT
NOW IS SLAB ON GRADE.
THAT'S A DIFFERENT PROJECT.
MOST OF THE TIME IT'S FOUNDATION
AND ALL BUT THIS ONE WAS UNIQUE
BECAUSE WE HAVE ARCHITECTERS ON
STAFF.
THEY WANTED TO DO SOMETHING
SPECIAL SO THEY SAID LET'S DO
SLAB ON GRADE.

>> GOOD T WHERE DO YOU ENVISION
KIND OF, WHERE IS OUR PIPELINE?
IS IT 7TH AND 8TH GRADE IN
MIDDLE SCHOOLS NOW WHERE MADISON
PARK NEEDS THEIR PRESENCE THERE
OR LIKE HOW DO YOU WANT US TO GO
AT THAT PIPELINE INTO MADISON
PARK.

>> I WISH THAT WE REALLY HAD A
DIRECTOR THE WAY REGIONALS HAVE
A SUPERINTENDENT SO THAT THEY'RE
LOOKING AT THE WHOLE PICTURE.
BECAUSE I THINK IF THAT WERE

TRUE, YOU WOULD GET GREAT IDEAS
OUT OF THIS AND YOU WOULD LOCATE
THOSE STUDENTS.

YOU SEE IT'S NOT JUST THE
STUDENTS WHO ARE IN BPS, THERE
ARE STUDENTS IN CHARTER SCHOOLS,
PRIVATE SCHOOLS, PAROCHIAL
SCHOOLS, HOME SCHOOLS WHO NEEDS
HANDS ON EDUCATION AND WOULD
LOVE IT.

I JUST THINK IT'S A LODGER.
I DON'T HAVE A PLAN BUT I THINK
IF YOU HAD THE RIGHT STRUCTURE
TO DEVELOP A PLAN YOU'D GET A
GOOD ONE.

>> OKAY.
THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR BAKER.
COUNCILOR FLYNN.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE.

I HAVE A QUESTION FOR ARE KEVIN.
THE BUSETON ECONOMY IS BOOMING
AND THERE'S A LOT OF JOBS OUT
THERE FOR THE SCHOOLED WORKERS.
HOW CAN WE BETTER COMMUNICATE
AND DEVELOP PARTNERSHIPS.
I KNOW THE GREATER BOSTON LABOR
COUNCIL BOSTON BUILDING TRADES
ARE DOING EXCELLENT WORK.
HOW CAN WE DEVELOP A BETTER
PIPELINE OF COMMUNICATING WITH
THEM AND ALSO COMMUNICATING WITH
THESE COMPANIES THAT ARE GOING
TO BOSTON THAT HERE'S WHERE THE
WORKERS ARE RIGHT HERE AT
MADISON PARK.

WE DON'T HAVE TO GET THEM
OUTSIDE OF MASSACHUSETTS UNLESS
I'M A STRONG BELIEVER OF THE
BOSTON JOBS TO BOSTON RESIDENTS
POLICY.
I JUST WANT TO GET YOUR THOUGHTS
ABOUT THAT.

>> I THINK WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT
FROM A UNION PERPECKIVE, I THINK
WE'VE HAD GREAT SUCCESS WITH THE
CARPENTERS UNION WHICH HAS BEEN
FANTASTIC, LOCAL 10 OUTSTANDING
AND DC 35 THE PAINTERS AND

ALLIED TRADES WONDERFUL AND IT'S NOT JUST BECAUSE OF MONEY IT'S BECAUSE OF THEIR TIME AND TALENT THEY'RE SHARING BRIAN DAUGHTERRITY BROUGHT HOT WORKS TO MADISON PARK.

I KNOW MY COLLEAGUES OVER HERE FROM SMALLER BERRY AND TIM -- SMALLER BERRY AND TIM STUDENTS WHO COULD HAVE VOCATIONAL TEACHERS THAT ARE HOT WORKS CERTIFIED.

WE ARE.

WE HAVE NINE STUDENTS CURRENTLY THAT ARE HOT WORKS STUDY AND SEVEN STAFF.

AND SO THOSE ARE THINGS THAT, CONNECTIONS THAT WE'RE MAKING. I DON'T WANT ANYONE TO LEAVE OUT OF HERE WITH THE MISCONCEPTION THAT THERE ARE NO PARTNERSHIPS. I THINK INCREASING OUR FOLD IS GOING TO BE VERY CRITICAL.

CORY ALAN WHO IS HERE TODAY HAS BEEN AN OUTSTANDING PARTNER REPRESENTING THE CONSTRUCTION AND IT WILL BE TRUTHFUL AND ONE LIKE NO OTHER.

WE HAVE TO CONTINUE OUR WORK BECAUSE ONE OF THE THING WE CAN SIT BACK AND TALK ABOUT WHAT'S NEEDED, WE HAVE TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE.

AND AGAIN I'VE SPENT 2015, MAYOR WALSH MADE IT VERY CLEAR TO ME THAT NOW WE ONLY HAVE ONE PERSON TO POINT THE BLAME AT IF SOMETHING GOES WRONG AND I ACCEPT THAT FROM THEM.

IT'S A MATTER OF US GOING THROUGH AND EXPANDING ON WHAT WE HAVE, GOING OUT THERE AND NOT JUST FROM A CONSTRUCTION PERSPECTIVE BUT AN ALLIED HEALTH PERSPECTIVE.

WE NEED THAT HIGH POWERED ALLIED PARTNERS AND WHY NOT HERE IN THE CITY OF BOSTON.

THOSE ARE THINGS AGAIN CAN, OUR OUTREACH IS GOING TO BE JUST AS IMPORTANT AS FOLKS COMING IN.

>> THANK YOU, KEVIN.

I JUST WANTED TO ADD ON YOUR

ANSWER, A LOT OF THE CITY COUNCILORS HERE HAVE GREAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE BUILDING TRADES AND ORGANIZED LABOR AND IF THERE'S ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO BE HELPFUL, WE'RE ABLE TO SUPPORT YOU AND THE STUDENTS AS WELL.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THANK YOU.

>> I JUST HAD ONE FOLLOW UP QUESTION.

CAN YOU TALK A LITTLE ABOUT HOW WE'RE DOING SOME OUTREACH TO POTENTIAL STUDENTS.

STUDENTS THAT ANYWAY NOT SPEAK ENGLISH, ESL OR IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE -- IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE IN THE SCHOOL SYSTEM NOW BUT HOW CAN WE GET A MESSAGE TO THEM THAT THE FUTURE OF BOSTON IN MY OPINION ARE IN THE TRADES GETTING A DECENT JOB.

IN WHAT WAYS ARE WE COMMUNICATING EFFECTIVELY WITH OUR IMMIGRANTS AND OUR ESL STUDENTS ABOUT MADISON PARK AND HOW IT CAN BE HELPFUL TO THEM.

>> WE GO TO NUMEROUS RECRUITMENT EVENTS.

WE START HERE LAST WEEK AT THE CITY WIDE SHOWCASE.

WE GO TO ALL OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS.

WE BRING MIDDLE SCHOOL FAMILIES.

I'LL BE LEAVING EARLY TO MAKE THE WELCOMING FAMILIES HERE AT 5:00.

ONCE UNTIL BUILDING WE HAVE AN ELL PACT GROUP WHICH CONSISTS OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS AND PARAPROFESSIONALS WHO SUPPORT OUR ELL STUDENTS WHO BRING GUEST SPEAKERS IN TO TALK ABOUT ISSUES THAT YOU'RE SPEAKING OF, ISSUES OF EMPLOYMENT, ISSUES OF IMMIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP.

SO WE DO WHAT WE CAN ONCE THE STUDENTS ARE IN THE SCHOOL.

AND I THINK THAT THE OUTREACH EFFORTS THAT WE'RE DOING AT THE

EIGHTH GREAT IS CREATING MUCH MORE AWARENESS IN THE COMMUNITY. WE HAVE LOTS OF COMMUNITY FIELD COORDINATORS WHO REPRESENT ARE DIFFERENT LANGUAGES IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO DO CAN A LOT OF OUTREACH TO FAMILIAR RUIZ. SO I WOULD SAY WE'RE DOING A BETTER JOB ONCE THEY'RE IN OUR COMMUNITY AND TRYING TO EXPAND OUR EFFORTS INTO THE MIDDLE SCHOOL POPULATION.

>> THANK YOU.

I JUST HAD ONE MORE NOT A QUESTION MAYBE A COMMENT. DOWN THE ROAD, CAN YOU THINK ABOUT STRATEGICALLY DOING MORE OUTREACH TO STUDENTS THAT ARE LIVING IN BHA IN MAKING SURE THAT THEY'RE AWARE OF ALL OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS. MAYBE DO A LITTLE BIT MORE OUTREACH TO THOSE LIVING IN BOSTON HOUSING AND SO YOU CAN PROBABLY PART SHINE WITH THE COMMUNITY CENTERS THERE BUT JUST SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

>> COUNCILOR FLYNN, WE ARE CURRENTLY HOUSE THE INTRODUCTION TO INSTRUCTION TRADES PROGRAM WHICH IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY AND BUILDING PATHWAYS. THAT PROGRAM IS 5 WEEKS WHICH THEY STARTED WITH A SMALL COHORT OF STUDENTS IN THEIR FAMILIES WHO ARE FROM THE BOSTON HOUSING AUTHORITY GOING THROUGH ALL OUR HEAVY TRADES SO THAT PROCESS HAS STARTED.

>> THANK YOU.

I DON'T HAVE ANY MORE QUESTIONS. I GUESS JUST MY FINAL POINT BEFORE THIS JOB I WAS A PROBATION OFFICER FOR TEN YEARS AT SUFFOLK SUPERIOR COURT. I HAD A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BUILDING TRADE. WE TRY TO ENCOURAGE OUR PROBATIONERS TO APPLY FOR AWE APPRENTICESHIP JOBS IN THE

TRADE.
IT'S A GREAT PROGRAM AND WE'RE
PROUD OF THE WORK THAT YOU'RE
DOING KEVIN.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR FLYNN.
COUNCILOR PRESIDENT CAMPBELL.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR ESSAIBI
GEORGE AND THANK YOU ALL FOR
YOUR TESTIMONY.
I THINK WE COULD SIT HERE ALL
DAY ABOUT THE RECOMMENDATIONS WE
COULD BE DOING BETTER.
I THINK MY QUESTIONS ARE MORE
GEARED TOWARDS WHAT HAS THE
RESPONSE BEEN FROM OR ADD SO
CASTE AND MAYBE THIS IS FOR
JUDITH MORE THAN KEVIN FROM YOUR
ADMINISTRATION FROM THE
DISTRICT.
THERE ARE A LOT OF INCREDIBLE
IDEAS HERE.
JUDITH LAID THEM OUT HERE AND
I'M SURE WE CAN MAKE THESE
AVAILABLE TO EVERYONE IN THE
PUBLIC.
BUT I'VE SEEN THESE
RECOMMENDATIONS BEFORE FROM YOU
AS A CANDIDATE FROM FOLKS WITH
FRIENDS OF MADISON PARK, THOSE
IN THE COMMUNITY GENERALLY OF
COURSE, COUNCILOR WU, COUNCILOR
ESSAIBI GEORGE AND COUNCILOR
JANEY HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS
HERE.
THE LIST IS LONG IN TERMS OF TO
PROPOSE THING WE COULD BE DOING.
INCLUDING HIRING A POINT PERSON
WITHIN THE DISTRICT TO OWN WHAT
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AND TO DO
THE VERY WORK THAT YOU WERE JUST
TALKING ABOUT, JUDITH, WITH
COUNCILOR BAKER.
SO I'M CURIOUS WHAT HAS THE
RESPONSE BEEN FROM THE
ADMINISTRATION AND FROM THE
DISTRICT WITH RESPECT TO SOME OF
THESE IDEAS AND SUGGESTIONS?

>> SUPERINTENDENT SAID IT WAS A

HIGH PRIORITY AND DID NOTHING --
SAID IT WAS AN EXTREMELY HIGH
PRIORITY AND DID NOTHING.
CANDIDATE MARTY WALSH PROMISED
IT WOULD BE AT THE TOP OF HIS
LIST ANDY INSTRUCTED
SUPERINTENDENT CHANG TO PUT US
AT THE TOP OF HIS LIST.
AND WE'VE GOT WAS A WELDING LAB
WHICH WAS MUCH APPRECIATED AND A
NEW ROOF IN FIVE YEARS.
MAYBE I'M LEAVING SOMETHING OUT.
WE HAVE NOT GOTTEN THE KIND OF
RESPONSE, WE GOT A LITTLE
RESPONSE FROM THURE THERE
REPRESENTATIVE CAR VALUE HOE
WHEN HE WAS IN THE LEGISLATURE
AND WE GOT A LOT OF GOOD WISHES.
THIS IS IT.
THIS IS AN EMERGENCY.
THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT
BAND-AIDS CAN SOLVE.
THAT'S THE WAY I FEEL, I'M SORRY
IF IT'S NEGATIVE.

>> IT'S CANDID AND I APPRECIATE
IT.
THANK YOU.

>> THE IMPROVEMENT HAS BEEN
BASED ON OUR LEVEL FOUR STATUS.
IF YOU LOOK AT WHAT LEVEL FOUR
REPRESENTS, IT'S PRIMARY LEAR AN
ACT DEMONSTRATE -- PRIMARILY AN
ACT DEMONSTRATE CANTIC VACATION
AND GETTING MASKED AS AN
EDUCATIONAL ONE BUT THERE ARE NO
METRICS VOCATIONALLY HOW DO YOU
DO THIS.
I THINK THE DISTRICT RESPONSE
HAS BEEN THERE A SUPPORTIVE
MECHANISM OF REALLY HOW DO WE
GET OURSELVES OUTER OF LEVEL NOW
AND WE APPRECIATE ALL THE
SUPPORTS WE'VE GOTTEN BUT AGAIN
I THINK FROM A VIDEO
INDICATIONAL PERSPECTIVE IT'S
BEEN ABOUT YOU KNOW SIMPLY
KEEPING THE STATUS QUO.
AND I THINK IT'S BEEN, I'M VERY
FORTUNATE TO HAVE GRETA ON
BOARDS AND OTHERS PUSHING ME ON.
ONE NAME I DO HAVE TO REALLY SAY
WHEN IT COMES TO SUPPORT,

MR. MEL KING.

MR. MEL KING HAS BEEN AN
ADVOCATE FOR THIS SCHOOL SIMILAR
TO MS. BAKER ABOUT IMMIGRATION
AND PUSHING THE NEEDLE.

I DON'T THINK ANYONE IS MORE
ACCOUNTABLE THAN MEL KING.
SO WHEN YOU HAVE KIDS WHO ARE
PUSHING FROM THE OUTSIDE FROM A
TECHNOLOGY PERSPECTIVE, MY
BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM
MARLBORO RUHR PUSHING THE
ENVELOPE AND LOU AND DON AND TIM
MURRAY REALLY PUSHING THE
ENVELOPE.

IN TERM I TOLD YOU TIM MURRAY
SAID PROBABLY ONE OF THE MOST
PROFOUND STATEMENTS I'VE HEARD.
HE SAID IT ABOUT FOUR YEARS AGO.
WHEN AVT STARTED.

I'VE KNOWN HIM SINCE MY DAYS AT
PAT NUMBER IN SPRINGFIELD.
HE INDICATED THAT, YOU KNOW
KEVIN, TRUE CAREER VOCATIONAL
TECH COME EDUCATION WILL TAKE
OFF.

IT'S GREAT NOW BUT IT WILL TAKE
OFF WHEN IMMEDIATE SON PARK TURNS
AROUND.

AND THAT HAS BEEN, AND I TOLD
HIM JUST A WEEK AGO THAT HAS
BEEN A DRIVING FORCE FOR ME
BECAUSE IT WAS SO PROFOUND.
THAT'S WHAT CONTINUES TO DRIVE
US AND I THINK THE ENTITIES SUCH
AS BUILD BOSTON, THE LOCAL
UNIONS, THE LOCAL COLLEGES, RCC,
BHCC, BEFIT, WENT WORTH, EVEN
THE NORTH EASTERN TO A SMALL
EXTENT.

THOSE ARE OUR PRIVING FORCES
THAT REALLY KEEP US GOING AND
THOSE WHO SUPPORT BECAUSE AGAIN
THEY HAD THEIR FIRCHGZ ON THE
PULSE OF -- FINGERS ON THE PULSE
OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN INDUSTRY
AND CURRENTLY IN HIGHER ED BUT
ALSO CAN NON-COMMUNITIES
THEMSELVES.

>> I SIT HERE WITH A LITTLE BIT
OF FRUSTRATION BECAUSE WE HAD
THE LESSENING SESSION WHICH WAS
REALLY POWERFUL AT MADISON PARK

IN THE EVENING AND BECAUSE IT WAS COMMUNITY OF COURSE WE GOT MORE COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS. AND AT THAT SESSION BECAUSE IT WAS LISTENING ONLY, WE HEARD FROM STUDENTS, WE HEARD FROM TEACHERS AS WELL INCLUDING TALKING ABOUT THE WELLING PROGRAM.

WE HEARD FROM COMMUNITY ADVOCATES WHO KNOW THE TECHNICAL WORLD TRADES, KNOW THE HISTORY OF BOSTON AND OF COURSE MADISON.

AND WE LEFT THERE WITH A LONG LIST OF POTENTIAL SOLUTIONS. AND SO I THINK AT THIS POINT AND I KNOW WE HAVE MORE PANELS AND ONE OF THEM MIGHT BE THE DISTRICT, SO I'LL SAVE MY QUESTIONS WHICH IS WITH RESPECT TO EACH OF THOSE SOLUTIONS, WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

WHERE ARE WE.

ONE OF THE THING THAT CAME UP FROM A FEW FOLKS INCLUDING ONE OF THE TEACHERS WAS THE APPLICATION PROCESS AND HOW WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT IT FOR SO LONG.

HOW THE PROPOSAL WENT TO THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE AT ONE POINT AND NO ONE KNOWS WHAT HAPPENED TO IT.

AT THIS POINT I THINK ALL OF US AGREE THAT WE HAVE A LIST OF A TON OF SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS. NOW THE QUESTION IS WITH THE FOLKS WHO HAD THE ACTUAL AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE ON EACH OF THOSE, WHERE ARE WE WITH RESPECT TO THOUGH THINGS BECAUSE MOST OF THOSE CAN HAPPEN IN THE SHORT TERM FRANKLY AND IF NOT WHY NOT. IN WE DON'T KNOW WHY NOT, THEN THE COMMUNITY OF COURSE, FOLKS IN THE ROOM DESERVE AN EXPLANATION TO WHAT'S TAKING US SO LONG, WHAT ARE THE PARTICULAR UPS, WHAT ARE THE HURDLES.

TO A CURRENT SUPERINTENDENT'S CREDIT SHE HAS PULLED IN SOME FOLKS TO BE A PART OF A WORKING GROUP, A CONVERSATION WITH RESPECT TO MADISON PARK.

BUT I THINK AT THIS POINT IT'S REALLY ABOUT WHERE ARE YOU WITH RESPECT TO EACH OF THESE SOLUTIONS.

I'LL SAVE SOME OF MY QUESTIONS FOR THEN, FOR THAT PNL.

BUT I THINK WHAT IS HELPFUL TO THE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN THIS AUDIENCE AND CANNOT STAY, WHETHER IT'S THE PRESENTATION FROM COUNCILORS OR USED OTHER OR OTHERS WHO HAVE E-MAILED POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS, THAT IS EXTREMELY HELPFUL BECAUSE THAT'S THE SUFFICIENT WE CAN BE EQUIPPED WITH WHEN PUSHING THE ADMINISTRATION, THE DISTRICT TO MOVE ON SOME OF THESE THINGS. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR CIOMMO.

>> THANK YOU.
CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT THE CAPACITY IS OF MADISON PARK RIGHT NOW?

>> 1500.

>> THE ENROLLMENT.

>> 900.

>> YOU'RE FINDING THESE BASED ON COY.

>> WEIGHTED STUDENT FORMS, CORRECT.

>> I WANT TO THANK MS. BAKER FOR YOUR HISTORY HERE.
I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT TO KNOW THAT AND YOUR TESTIMONY YOU TALKED ABOUT M.O.U.'S AND I WAS AWAY ON A TRIP AND I KIND OF MENTIONED THAT KIND OF PARTNERSHIP WITH THE UNIONS, THAT CLOSER PARTNERSHIP.
I'M HEARING NUMBERS LIKE 57.
WE NEED TO RAMP THAT UP, RIGHT?
WHERE ARE WE WITH M.O.U.'S WITH

OUR UNIONS ESPECIALLY LIKE YOU MENTIONED 103, YOU MENTIONED DC 25, YOU KNOW. WE HAVE A LOT OF THEM HEAD QUARTERED RIGHT HERE IN OUR CITY.

>> THOSE ARE THE THREE PRIMARY ARTICULATE AGREEMENTS. WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH ENCOMMUNITY COLLEGE THROUGHOUT THE STATE OF MASSACHUSETTS THROUGH ENROLLMENT. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE A PARTNER SUCH AS YOUTH BUILD WITH THE CURRENT M.O.U. BUT AS A SCHOOL WE HAVE TO BE MORE ACCOUNTABLE FOR THAT AS WELL. WE CANNOT SAY SOMEONE NEEDS TO COME AND HELP US. WE HAVE TO GET OUR SKIN IN THE GAME AS WELL. THAT'S SOMETHING WE WOULD NEVER SHY AWAY FROM.

>> RIGHT. I'M ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT YOUR LEADERSHIP BECAUSE I THINK IT WAS SAID EARLIER WE HAVE 50 STARTS WITH TOO MANY ADMINISTRATORS AT MADISON VOCATIONAL. AND WE NEED SOME STRONG LEADERSHIP AND I THINK YOU'RE SHOWING YOURSELF REALLY WELL TODAY TO ME.

>> THANK YOU.

>> NOT THAT THAT MATTERS. IT'S THE 13. BUT I THINK YOU HAVE A, WE ARE COMMITTED TO CHANGING THE PARADIGM THAT EVERY KID'S GOT TO GO TO COLLEGE. THE MORE WE ADVANCE AND PROGRESS AND GET OVER, I'M THE OLDEST GUY ON THIS BODY NOW. WE'RE GOING BACK TO THE OLD WAYS OF TRAINING OUR YOUNG PEOPLE AND GIVING THEM MORE OPTIONS. WE'RE KIND OF FUNNELING THEM INTO THESE KIND OF DEAD END PLACES SOMETIMES, RIGHT?

SO AGAIN, LET ME JUST END BY
SAYING MELANIE I'M VERY
IMPRESSED WITH YOUR ACT
DEMONSTRATE CANTIC PURSUITS AND
ACHIEVEMENTS, AND JOSE, STAY ON
IT.
YOU'VE GOT A GREAT BROADCAST
VOICE.

>> THANK YOU, COUNCILOR CIOMMO.
WAS THAT YOUR WRAP UP.

>> YES.

>> THANK.

>> LET'S NOT FORETBEFT THAT
CONSTRUCTION IS SEASONAL.
TRIP ADVISOR.
YOU KNOW, THE JOBS BEING
GENERATED IN BOSTON RIGHT NOW
ARE VERY HIGHLY TECHNICAL.
COMPUTER-ON THE OTHER HAND.
PROGRAMMING.
THINGS THAT WE NEED AT MADISON
PARK.
WE NEED THEM SOMEWHERE IN BPS
BECAUSE OUR CHILDREN NEED THEM.
CONSTRUCTION IS GREAT.
BUT IT'S NOT THE ONLY THING.

>> THANK YOU.
COUNCILOR MCCARTHY.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH MADAM
CHAIR; MELANIE AND JOSE.
KEEP WORKING HARD.
YOU'LL GET THERE.
I DIDN'T FINISH MY MASTERS UNTIL
A COUPLE WEEKS AGO.
YOU NEVER STOP LEARNING AND I
APPRECIATE ALL YOU'VE SAID.
A LOT OF QUESTIONS HAVE BEEN
ASKED AND I DO WANT TO GET ON TO
THE SECOND PANEL.
ONE OF THE POINTS NOBODY HAS
BROUGHT UP THAT'S THE ELEPHANT
ROOM IS THE OWE BRYANT IS RIGHT
NEXT TO YOU AND I GET A CALL
SAYING THERE'S NOT ENOUGH ROOM
FOR THEM YET YOU'RE SAYING YOU
HAVE 500 SEATS AVAILABLE.
DO WE TALK ABOUT THAT OR IS THIS
NOT THE PROPER FORUM FOR THAT?

>> IT'S OKAY WITH THE OTHER
COUNCILORS.
I HAVE A FEW COMMENTS I CAN SAY
ABOUT IT.

>> SURE.
LET IT RIP.

>> WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE SCHOOL,
I'VE ONLY BEEN THERE FOUR YEARS
BUT WHEN YOU HAVE A SCHOOL
DECREASING IN ENROLLMENT AND
BECAUSE OF THE PERCEPTIONS, LACK
OF ADMISSIONS POLICIES AND THIS
IS WELL OVER A DECADE WORTH OF
TIME AND THEN THERE'S A
PROMOTION OF THE EXAM SCHOOLS
AND THEY ARE GREAT SCHOOLS AND
LED BY GREAT LEADERS AND THEY
ARE EXPANDING, THEY ARE TRYING
TO EXPAND THEIR FOOT PRINT, IT'S
MATHEMATICS.
HOW MUCH REALLY STATE THAT THAT
SCHOOL HAS LOST OVER A TECH AID
IS TREMENDOUS SO NATURALLY WHEN
YOU'RE INCREASING THE FOOTPRINT
OF AN OWE BRYANT HOW ARE THEY
GOING TO EXPAND.
WHEN YOU SEE THE VACANT SEATS AT
MADISON PARK, THERE ARE REASONS
THERE ARE VACANT SEATS.
THAT BECOMES THE FIRST LOGICAL
CHOICE, WELL LET'S TAKE THIS
SPACE.
THAT'S WHAT'S OCCURRING THE
MADISON PARK.
NO FAULT FROM THE FOLKS OF THE
OWE BRYANT BECAUSE THEY HAVE TO
GROW THEIR SCHOOL BUT AT WHOSE
EXPENSE AND IT'S BEEN AT MADISON
PARK'S EXPENSE OAF A DECADE.

>> MY RECOLLECTION THAT THERE
WAS AN INNOVATION CENTER THAT
WAS BEING KICKED AROUND OFF THE
BACKSIDE, MIT WAS INVOLVED,
ROXBURY COMMUNITY WAS INVOLVED,
WHERE DOES THAT STAND NOW?

>> WELL, BECAUSE I HAD NEVER
SEEN ANYTHING IN WRITING FOR
THAT BUT I KNOW WITH THE
INITIATIVE WE'VE HAD, AGAIN

INITIATED BY MEL KING WHICH THE MACHINES MAKING MACHINES AND THAT IS IN COLLABORATION WITH THE FAD FOUNDATION, THE MIT CENTER FOR BITS AND ADAMS AS WELL AS THE SOUTH END TEXTER WE STARTED THAT UP THIS SUMMER AND IT WAS SHORT OF TREMENDOUS.

THAT IS GROWING TO GROW.

IT WAS THE IMPETUS OF US ACTUALLY HIRING AN ADDITIONAL STAFF MEMBER TO RUN THIS ONE ENTITY THAT'S GOING ON.

SO WE HAD THE MEANS AND WE'RE GOING TO INCREASE THAT FOOTPRINT AND AGAIN I CAN ONLY SPEAK FOR THE PROGRAM THAT WE ARE COLLABORATING ON, THE ONE THAT YOU MENTION.

I HAVE NOT SEEN ANYTHING IN WRITING ABOUT AN INNOVATION AT MADISON PARK.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR MCCARTHY. COUNCILOR O'MALLEY.

>> THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR.

KEVIN, I APPRECIATED EVERYBODY'S COMMENTS BUT KEVIN YOU SAID SOMETHING THAT I WROTE DOWN BECAUSE I THINK IT'S PARTICULARLY TRUE.

WHEN IT COMES TO MADISON PARK TECHNICAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL WE NEED TO MOVE TO A -- I THINK OFTEN TIMES WHAT HAPPENS PARTICULARLY WITH BPS IS THAT BECAUSE THERE'S THESE OLD DATED OUT OF TOUCH PERCEPTIONS ABOUT A SCHOOL, YOUR KIDS ARE GOING TO ENROLL WHICH MEANS THE WEIGHT THE STUDENT FUNDING WHICH MAKES SENSE IN MANY WAYS WITH FEWER KIDS GOING LESS RESOURCES THERE AND YOU CANNOT DIG YOURSELF OUT OF.

SO HEARING FROM MELANIE AND JOSE, TWO REMARKABLE AMBASSADORS FOR THE SCHOOL, I'M CURIOUS TALKING ABOUT HOW DOES THE RECRUITMENT WORK. DO YOU GO INTO ANY 6TH GRADERS

OR EVEN UPPER GRADES, SORT OF HIGHER MIDDLE SCHOOL GRADES AND RECRUDE STUDENTS TO TRY TO COME TO MADISON PARK TO REALLY HELP BOLSTER THOSE NUMBERS AND GROW. ANYONE WANT TO TACKLE THAT?

>> YES, I MEAN WE DO SOMETHING CALLED THE ROAD SHOW WHERE WE TAKE ONE STUDENT FROM EVERY VOCATIONAL PROGRAM INTO A MIDDLE SCHOOL AND LET THE STUDENTS TALK ABOUT THE PROGRAM.

SO STUDENTS LIKE MELANIE AND JOSE ARE THE AMBASSADORS. WE INVITE GUIDANCE COUNCILORS TO OUR SCHOOL FOR BREAKFAST AND TO TOUR THE SCHOOL.

AND THEN WE OPEN OUR BUILDING ANY NIGHT THAT WE CAN TO INVITE FAMILIES AND TO SEE THE SCHOOL.

I THINK IT'S HARD.

I THINK COUNCILOR CAMPBELL HIT ON THIS IN THE BEGINNING.

I THINK IT'S HARD TO HAVE THIS DISCUSSION WITHOUT TALKING ABOUT THE EQUITY ISSUE.

I MEAN THERE IS A STRUCTURE FOR EXAM SCHOOLS THAT STARTS ADVANCE WORK CLASSES.

THERE ARE PROGRAMS, THERE IS TRIX SUPPORT FOR THE ISSE TEST.

THERE'S A WHOLE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT DOES NOT YET EXIST.

I MEAN THE PROGRAM THAT KEVIN TALKED ABOUT ON SATURDAY MORNINGS IS A PHENOMENAL PROGRAM WITH BHA TO BRING EIGHTH GRADERS, SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS INTO THE BUILDING BUT THE INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS TO MIRROR.

WHEN YOU TALK ABOUT O'BRIEN AND MADISON, IT'S NOT APPLES TO APPLES IN TERMS OF THE WAY THAT WE ARE RECRUITING THE WAY WE'RE FIGHTING FOR STUDENTS, THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT EXISTS TO BRINGS STUDENTS SO WE DO, I WOULD SAY, EVERYTHING THAT WE CAN TO GO OUT TO THE MIDDLE SCHOOLS BUT WE ARE CONSTANTLY FIGHTING THE PERCEPTIONS I THINK THAT MELANIE AND JOSE TALKED

ABOUT.
ABOUT MANY FAMILIES HAVE ABOUT
THE SCHOOL AND SO WE GO IN AT
THAT DISADVANTAGE.
I'VE SEEN IT IN MY TWO YEARS.
LAST YEAR IN JANUARY WE HAD 120
STUDENTS CHOOSE MADISON PARK
NUMBER ONE OR TWO UP FROM 80 THE
PRIOR JANUARY IN THE FIRST
ROUND.
SO THAT SHOWS A 50% INCREASE IN
ONE YEAR OF STUDENTS THAT CHOSE
US ONE AND TWO.
THAT'S THE RESULTS OF EVERYONE'S
EFFORTS TO DO THAT BUT I THINK
THAT WE NEED THAT TOP DOWN
SUPPORT TO REALLY HELP US.
AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S, YOU
KNOW, AS YOU SAID, I DON'T THINK
THAT'S A PROBLEM UNIQUE TO
MADISON PARK IT'S AN OPEN
ENROLLMENT ISSUE.

>> AND CAN'T BE SOLVED WITH JUST
GETTING SORT OF MORE EYE BALLS
ON THE SCHOOL SO TO SPEAK, IT'S
A MUCH DEEPER SOCIETAL ISSUE
THAT WE NEED TO BE --

>> TO BE HEARING ABOUT THE OTHER
VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS AND THE
TRANSPORTATION THAT'S PROVIDED
TO BRING THE STUDENTS IN.
AND WE ARE MOVING IN THAT
DIRECTION.
THE FAB FOUNDATION AND THE HAS
BEEN WE HAVE IS A PLACE FOR
EIGHTH GRADERS TO COME AND SEE
WHAT WE'RE ALL B AS MS. BAKER
JUST SAID WE DO HAVE HIGH TECH
PROGRAMS WE HAVE INFORMATION
SUPPORT SERVICES AND NETWORKING.
WE HAVE RADIO AND TV
BROADCASTING.
WE HAVE GRAPHIC DESIGN.
WE HAVE GRAPHIC COMMUNICATION
DESIGN, VISUAL COMMUNICATIONS.
SO THERE'S A LOT OF PROGRAMS
THAT MANY PEOPLE EVEN IN THIS
ROOM DON'T KNOW EXIST IN THE
HIGH TECH FIELDS.
AND SO WE NEED MORE
INSTITUTIONAL TOP DOWN SUPPORT
TO PROMOTE ALL OF THE PROGRAMS

AND KEVIN JUST MENTIONED ALLIED HEALTH THAT SOMETIMES GETS LOST IN THE CONVERSATION.

SO IT'S NOT JUST A QUICK VISIT TO A BOOTH THAT'S GOING TO EXPLAIN TO A FAMILY THE DIVERSITY OF OFFER, THAT WE HAVE AND THE CAREER OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE HAVE.

BUT IF WE'RE INVITED TO ANY EVENT TO SHOWCASE WHAT WE OFFER WITH FAMILIES ESPECIALLY IN EVANTH AND EIGHTH GREAT, WE WILL BE THERE.

WE WANT THOSE OPPORTUNITIES. WE NEED TO HAVE THAT VOICE IN THE COMMUNITY.

>> DO YOU OFFER ANY AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS?

>> NO.

>> THE REASON I ASK THAT I KNOW IT'S NOT A SIGNIFICANT NUMBER BUT IT'S ALSO NOT INSIGNIFICANT DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS WITH BPS WE DO SEND A NUMBER OF KIDS TO NORFOLK AND THERE'S ANOTHER ONE MINUTE MEN TECH OR SOMETHING.

IT TURNS INTO HUNDZ OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS EVERY YEAR AND IT'S MONEY THAT SHOULD STAY IN THE SYSTEM AND IN THE CITY SO I WONDER IF THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO BOLSTER ENROLLMENT AND GET MORE FUNDS TO GO BACK IN.

I KNOW MY TIME IS UP BUT JUST VERY BRIEFLY ON THIS LINE OF THINKING JOSE AND MEAL KNEE, HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT MADISON PARK TECHNICAL AND HOW DID YOU DECIDE TO COME.

>> MY EIGHTH GRADE YEAR I WAS AT THAT ORIENTATION THAT EVERY EIGHTH GRADER GOES TO EVERY YEAR.

I VAGUELY REMEMBER BUT I BELIEVE IT WAS THE PRINCIPAL PRIOR TO MS. DICKENS THAT WAS THERE AND WAS RECRUITING FOR MADISON PARK.

>> WHERE WERE YOU IN THE EIGHTH GRADE.

>> AT THE ACADEMY.

SO THEY TOOK US ON THE SCHOOL BUS, A WHOLE BUNCH OF STUDENTS CAME AND EVERYBODY HAD THEIR LIKE TABLES SET UP.

EAST BOSTON HIGH SCHOOL.

EVERYONE THAT WENT TO MY SCHOOL HAD THEIR HEADS SET ON -- I WAS POKING AROUND AND I LOOKED AT BOSTON ARTS BUT I SPECIFICALLY TURNED AROUND AND LOOKED AT MADISON PARK WHEN THEY STARTED TALKING ABOUT STEUFNLTS ACTUALLY GOING OUT IN THE WORK FORCE AT THE AGES OF 17 AND 6.

I WAS LIKE WOW.

SO THEY STARTED EXPANDING ON THE PROGRAMS AND I JUST LIKE FELL FOR THIS SCHOOL.

I WAS LIKE I NEED TO ATTEND THIS SCHOOL.

>> THAT'S VERY GOOD.

>> I KNOW I'M SHORT ON TIME BUT I GUESS THIS IS HOW THE STORY COMES IN PLACE BUT IT WAS THE ENDING OF MY EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATING AND CHOOSING WHAT HIGH SCHOOL I WAS GOING TO GO ON TO.

>> WHERE ARE YOU.

>> I WAS AT THE ROGERS MIDDLE SCHOOL.

I'M CHOOSING MY SCHOOLS.

I ENDED UP GOING TO ENGLISH, ENGLISH HIGH SCHOOLS BUT IT WASN'T -- SO ONE OF MY COUNCILOR CAUGHT I WAS GOING TO ENGLISH AND IMMEDIATELY SWITCHED ME TO MADISON MARK AND SAID IF YOU'RE GOING TO GO TO ANY HIGH SCHOOL AT LEAST GO TO MADISON PARK WHERE YOU'LL LEARN SOMETHING THERE.

I WAS SCARED A LITTLE BIT SLIGHTLY BECAUSE I WASN'T AWARE OF THIS AND SO I GET THE LETTER

IN MY MAILBOX WHERE I WAS LIVING
AND I WAS GOING TO BE GOING TO
MADISON PARK.
BUT I DON'T REGRET THE DECISION.
I THINK IT WAS THE BEST FOR
SURE.

>> THANK YOU ALL.
THANK YOU COUNCILOR CHAIR.

>> THANK YOU COUNCILOR O'MALLEY
AND THANK YOU TO THIS PANEL.
IT'S BEEN VERY INTERESTING TO
HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU ESPECIALLY
JOSE AND MELANIE FOR SHARING
YOUR EXPERIENCES.
WE'LL TAKE A BRIEF RECESS AS WE
FLIP PANDS.

>> NEXT PANEL IS CAROLYN RYAN,
NEAL SULLIVAN, TERESA.
FROM THE PICK IS ALSO HERE.
IS BRIAN DOUGHERTY HERE IF I
DIDN'T SEE HIM COME IN.
IS ANYONE HERE REPRESENT ARING
THE BOSTON BUILDING TRADES?
WE'RE GOING TO STEP OUT.
THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU EVERYBODY, THANK
YOU FOR THAT BRIEF RECESS OWE WE
GET SQUARED AWAY.
OUR SECOND PANEL IS WITH US
TODAY.
I'LL START WITH NEAL SULLIVAN
FROM THE PRIVATE INDUSTRY
COUNCIL.

>> NEAL SULLIVAN BOSTON PRIVACY
COUNCIL BEEN INVOLVED IN MADISON
PARK SINCE I WOULD SAY 1989.
THERE ARE SEVERAL PEOPLE WHO
WERE INVOLVED AT THAT POINT AS
WELL.
LOTS OF STORIES THAT WE WON'T
TELL TODAY BUT IT'S BEEN A
PERSISTENT AND CONSISTENT
PRESENCE AT MADISON PARK EVERY
THE MOST 30 YEARS.
CURRENTLY TERRY EILEEN IS OUR
MOST EXPERIENCED CAREER
SPECIALIST AND THAT'S THE
PRIORITY WE GIVE TO MADISON
MARK.

WE SUPPORT THE CURRENT
LEADERSHIP.

WE WISH WE COULD DO HUGE THING
FOR THEM AS A CITY.

BUT WE SEE THE GOOD THINGS THAT
ARE HAPPENING THAT YOU HEARD
ABOUT TODAY.

AND MS. EILEEN TO MY RIGHT IS A
KEY TO OUR CONTRIBUTION AT
MADISON PARK.

>> THANK YOU, NEAL.

GOOD EVENING EVERYONE MY NAME IS
THERESE.

I'VE BEEN AT THE PRIVATE
INDUSTRY COUNCIL NOW FOR THE
LAST 20 YEARS VARIOUS SCHOOLS
AND I'VE BEEN AT MADISON FOR THE
LAST FOUR YEARS.

SO FORGIVE ME I MISSED THE FIRST
THING YOU SAID.

IS THIS FIRST INTRODUCTIONS OR
AM I GIVING MY TESTIMONY RIGHT
NOW.

>> GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY NOW.

>> ONE OF THE THINGS I WOULD
LIKE TO SAY IS WHEN I WAS ASKED
TO COME TO MADISON, SOMEWHAT
LIKE WHAT THE STUDENTS SAID,
THERE WAS THAT CONNOTATION OF
IT'S MADISON PARK, WHAT'S
HAPPENING.

BUT BEING IN THERE IS A VERY
VERY DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT.
WE ARE ABLE TO SEE THE
AMAZINGNESS OF THE STUDENTS, OF
THE STAFF, WHAT THEY'VE BEEN
ABLE TO DO.
AND SO THAT'S BEEN PHENOMENAL.