

Delivering on the Mayor's Vision for Boston's Families

ENROLL BOSTON—UNIFIED ENROLLMENT

Mayor Martin J. Walsh is challenging Boston educators and families to work together to improve Boston's enrollment process for all families and create a simple, unified, equitable enrollment system for all public schools.

With unified enrollment, all Boston families will have easier access to high-quality schools closer to home. It's one application, one deadline and one unified system.

Why create a unified enrollment system?

Families pursuing the full range of public school options currently must undertake a multi-step process involving not just BPS' Home-Based Assignment system, but also multiple charter school applications with different deadlines and processes. This is unnecessarily time-consuming for families.

A unified enrollment system would:

- Create a more equitable enrollment system for Boston families, ensuring that they have a full array of public school choices for their children.
- Give families a clear and simple path to school enrollment in a one-form, one-deadline system that will be readily available on paper and online, and provide more information on the array of high-quality public schools, district and charter, available for their children.
- Allow more families to become involved in their chosen school communities, by creating more stable classrooms and neighborhoods.
- Enhance the capacity of all schools — district and charter — to support students with higher levels of need.

How Might It Work?

A unified enrollment system would simply fold charter schools into the existing Home-Based enrollment system to provide one application and one deadline for all public schools.

- Families would receive one listing of their local charter and district schools.
- Families would select and rank their preferred district and charter schools in one application form with only one deadline to meet.
- Families would receive one school placement, with extra care taken to ensure students with disabilities and English language learners are poised to thrive in inclusive classrooms.

Engaging Boston's Families to Get it Done Right

In his challenge to us, Mayor Walsh has made clear that he wants the community to shape this process. We plan to engage families and community members in this discussion.*

Leadership of the public schools, both district and charter, have agreed to a broad set of core principles which will guide the creation of a unified enrollment system, but your input is essential to making this work.

Engagement from families, educators and community partners will be key to ensuring the success of one application, one deadline and one unified, simplified enrollment system for all families. We intend to convene a series of community meetings, inviting both online and in-person input and discussion before a detailed proposal is considered by the School Committee and charter school boards.

**Please see the reverse side of this sheet for dates of community meetings near you.*



Serving Students by Bringing Educators Together

Please help us shape this improved enrollment system to better meet the needs of Boston families and schools by attending a public discussion in your neighborhood, at your school, or online.

To learn more, visit us online at www.BostonCompact.org.

What if

One application could give your child access to Boston Public Schools and charter schools?

WE NEED TO HEAR YOUR VOICE!



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Community Meetings on Unified Enrollment

Discussions on Mayor Walsh's School Enrollment Proposal

Oct. 8 5:30-8pm

Kroc Center

650 Dudley St, Boston

Oct. 20 5:30-8pm

East Boston Public Library

365 Bremen St, Boston

Oct. 21 5:30-8pm

Mattapan Public Library

1350 Blue Hill Ave, Mattapan

Nov. 5 5:30-8pm

Grove Hall Community Center

51 Geneva Ave, Boston

Nov. 12 6:30-9pm

First Church of Jamaica Plain

Corner of Elliot and South, JP

Nov. 17 5:30-8pm

West End Boys and Girls Club

105 Allston St, Allston

The Boston Compact invites you to participate in a series of public, citywide meetings to help shape an improved enrollment system that better meets the needs of Boston families and schools with one application and one deadline for district and charter schools. *Childcare and refreshments will be provided.*