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## SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY COMMITTEE

10:30-11a | Wednesday, May 9, 2018

Conference Call

Presented are minutes from the Boston Compact School Climate Survey Committee conference call held on May 9, 2018. For more information about any of the items listed below, visit [www.BostonCompact.org](http://www.BostonCompact.org) or email [info@BostonCompact.org](mailto:info@BostonCompact.org).

### ATTENDANCE

Members Present: **Spencer Blasdale** (Exec. Director, Academy of the Pacific Rim), **Blair Dawkins** (Evaluations & Programs staff, BPS), **Lisa Harvey** (Deputy Director of Evaluation and Programs, BPS), **Julia Mejia** (Exec. Director, CPLAN), **Annie Smith** (Dir. of Data, RCAB) **Jake Stearn** (Office of Data & Accountability, BPS)

Others Present: **Elise Swinford** (Compact staff), **Rachel Weinstein** (Compact staff)

### UPDATES

Participation rates:

Spencer identified the charter sector participation goal as 50%, and that their window is open for three more weeks. Rachel notes that NHCS, Boston Prep, Bridge Boston, and BCCS above 30% participation. Jake noted that the Winthrop and Young Achievers are high at 17%, but East Boston High and the Dearborn are quite low. Lisa noted that the Dearborn might be doing their own survey, and offered to put Julia in contact with their family outreach contact (Pam).

CPLAN outreach:

Julia reported that CPLAN is hard at work in the Winthrop. At East Boston, Elsa has heard there are some potential fears with discrimination against families and taking survey, which Lisa reiterated as a not uncommon concern. Jake noted that they need 400 participants from E. Boston to reach 30%, and emphasized the value of focusing on reaching underserved populations. Julia suggested reallocating outreach resources from NHCS to E. Boston. Rachel will touch base with our researcher to check on this strategy.

Catholic Schools Office:

Annie reported that 7 of the 30 schools are participating, with around 15% participation on average. CSO is working with an accreditation agency next year which will require survey participation; they can tack on the school climate survey next year. She did note that Sacred Heart and EBCCS are closest to 30% participation.

Outside researcher:

Rachel asked if we should invite our researcher from Mathematica to participate in our June meeting. The general consensus was that it would be good to hear from her what her aims are in terms of outcomes.

Deadlines: The following survey deadlines were confirmed: BCA: June 1, BPS: June 15, and CSO: done.

In closing, Spencer and Julia reiterated the need to set realistic expectations for the results of this survey and what will be released. This is the beginning of the process, and a great mark of collaboration across the sectors.

#### **ACTION ITEMS**

Julia will send along CPLAN survey promotion videos.

Lisa will put Julia in contact with Pam, family outreach contact at the Dearborn.

Rachel will touch base with our researcher to check on CPLAN reallocation strategy.