City of Boston In School Committee

January 27, 2021

EXAM SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS TASK FORCE CHARGE AND MEMBERSHIP

ORDERED, That the Boston School Committee hereby approves the following charge for the Exam Schools Admissions Task Force:

Building upon the work initiated by the Superintendent's Exam Schools Admissions Criteria Working Group, the Boston School Committee Exam Schools Admissions Task Force shall develop a set of recommendations for the admissions policy for Boston Public Schools exam schools. The desired outcome is to expand the applicant pool, and create an admissions process that will support student enrollment at each of the exam schools such that rigor is maintained and the student body better reflects the racial, socioeconomic, and geographic diversity of all students (K-12) in the city of Boston. The Task Force shall consider use of the new NWEA assessment and other factors, and leverage learning from a full review of the implementation of the SY 21-22 admissions criteria, as well as a thorough review of practices in other districts.

FURTHER ORDERED, That the Boston School Committee hereby approves the following membership for the Exam Schools Admissions Task Force:

Boston School Committee Exam Schools Admissions Task Force Membership:

- Co-Chair, Michael Contompasis, former Boston Latin School Head of School and former BPS Superintendent
- Co-Chair, Tanisha Sullivan, President, NAACP Boston Branch and former BPS Chief Equity Officer
- Pastor Samuel Acevedo, Co-Chair, Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force
- Acacia Aguirre, parent, John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science
- Matt Cregor, Mental Health Legal Advisors Committee, Supreme Judicial Court
- Tanya Freeman-Wisdom, Head of School, John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science
- Katherine Grassa, Principal, Curley K-8 School
- Zena Lum, parent, Boston Latin Academy
- Danyael Morales, student, Boston Latin Academy
- Zoe Nagasawa, student, Boston Latin School

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- Rachel Skerritt, Head of School, Boston Latin School
- Rosann Tung, Independent Researcher
- Tamara Waite, parent, Philbrick Elementary School

The Task Force is charged with reporting back to the Boston School Committee by May 26, 2021 to allow for the Committee to consider the recommendations, provide feedback, and take action prior to the start of SY 2021-22 and the next admissions cycle.

YEAS – Hardin Coleman; Lorna Rivera; Jeri Robinson; Vice Chairperson Michael D. O'Neill; and Chairperson Alexandra Oliver-Dávila - 5

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Attest:

Elizabeth A. Sullivan Executive Secretary

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