



Boston Public Schools

BuildBPS Update Washington Irving Middle School Community Meeting

June 1, 2021

Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Superintendent
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Irving Middle School



Agenda

- Welcome
- Information and Planning for the current Irving Students
- Information and Planning for the future of the Irving Building

BuildBPS: In service to our educational vision



Eliminating the
opportunity and
achievement gaps



Expanding
opportunities



Accelerating learning



Cultivating trust



Amplifying all voices



Activating
partnerships

Capital Plan Must Be Driven By Student Outcomes



Equitable Academic Access

- Predictable pathways
- Access to high quality Pre-K
- Graduate students ready for college, career, and life



Excellent Buildings

- Launch a cycle of new school buildings
- Give students excellent options close to home
- Renovate existing facilities



Predictability and Transparency

- Authentic partnership in decision making
- Equity-centered strategic planning
- Transparency in our data to empower our community



Predictable Pathways

Creating a system that provides quality for all students

Our proposed changes make significant progress towards more predictable pathways with the goal of one point of transition for families:

- The **Irving and Timilty Middle Schools** will close in June 2022, at the end of next school year and will continue to enroll students in grades 6-8 in the 2021-2022 school year
- This will **reduce the number of transitions** for families and **simplify the assignment system**, and provide us with an opportunity to **significantly upgrade** our buildings
- All middle school facilities will be **renovated for continued use by Boston public schools**

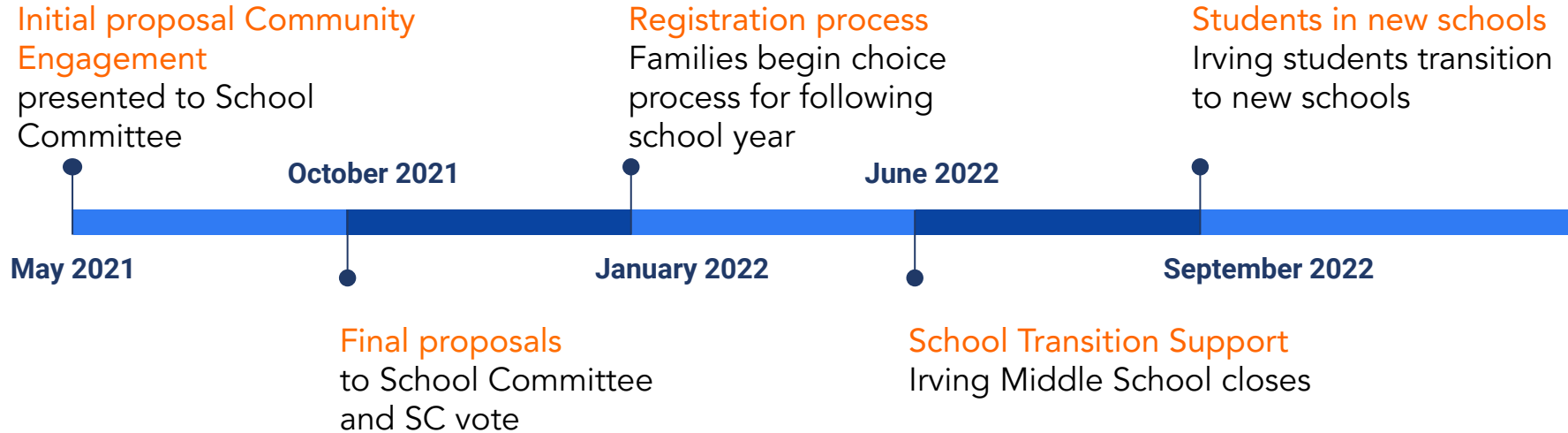


The Irving Middle School will continue to serve students in grades 6, 7 and 8 for school year 2021-2022. In **January 2022 at the earliest, students will re-enter the school choice process** for September 2022:

- Grade 8 students will transition to a BPS school serving grade 9 in Fall 2022. Timing for grade 8 school choice begins in January 2022.
- Grade 6 and 7 students will also take action and begin school choice selection process in January 2022 at the earliest to enroll in a new school for grades 7 and 8.
 - Recognizing that Grade 6 and 7 students will go through an unplanned transition, the [Welcome Services team](#) is supporting students who experience closure with dedicated supports

School Choice
and Process by
Grade

Timeline for Irving Families



Current Options for Families Impacted by the Irving Closure

K-8 Schools:

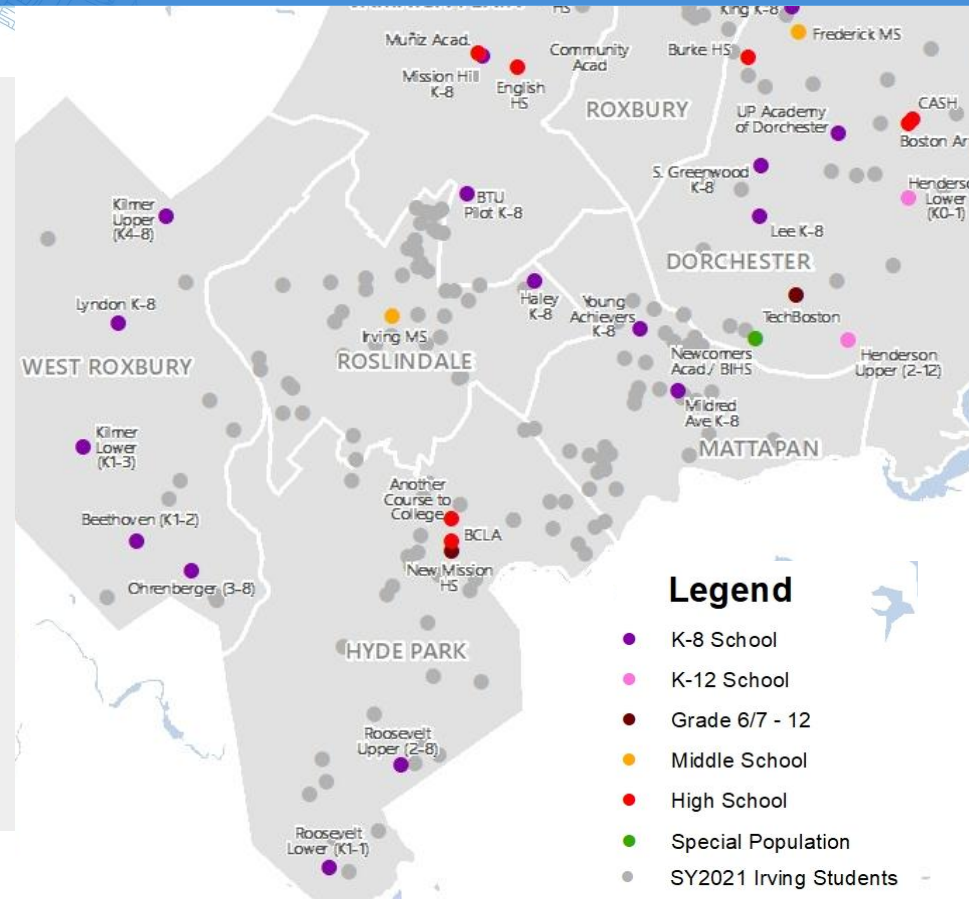
- BTU K-8 (Jamaica Plain)
- Haley K-8 (Roslindale)
- Mildred Ave K-8 (Mattapan)
- Young Achievers K-8 (Mattapan)

6-12 or 7-12 Schools:

- New Mission (Hyde Park)
- TechBoston (Dorchester)

Other Citywide 6-12 or 7-12 Schools:

- BCLA/McCormack (Dorchester)
- Dearborn STEM Academy (Roxbury)



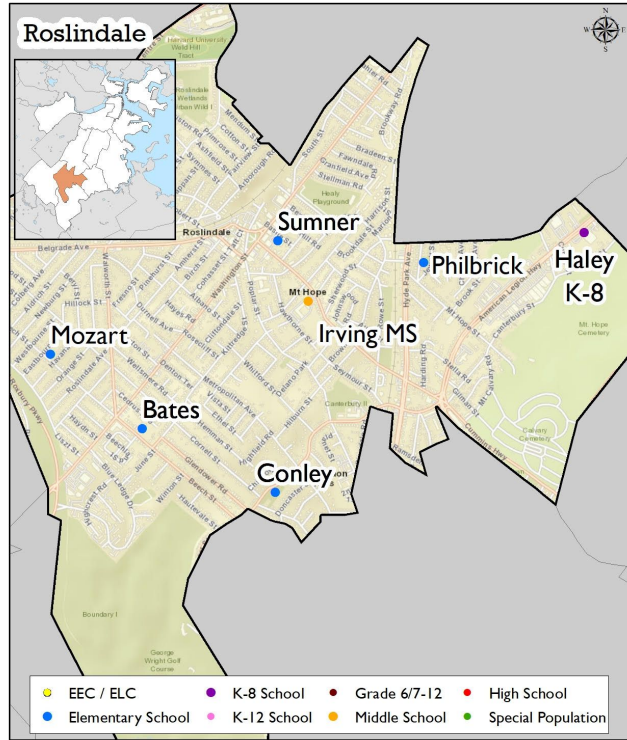


Reimagining our Schools:

Excellent buildings that promote health,
enhance learning, and motivate students



Roslindale Neighborhood Data



Neighborhood Data

Total school aged children living in Roslindale	4,233
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	3,063
% of school aged children attending BPS	72%
% of total BPS population living in Roslindale	6%

School	Students	Programs
Mozart	170	Gen Ed, ABA, Inclusion
Bates	245	Inclusion
Sumner	491	Gen Ed, Inc., SLD, SEI Spanish
Conley K-6	200	Inc., Moderate II, Center-Based
Philbrick	109	Gen Ed, K0/K1 Inclusion
Haley K-8	405	Inclusion

New School Snapshot

Potential K0-6 Enrollment

- 500-800 students
- 5-6 strands (classrooms per grade)

Physical Space Design

- Leveraging green space
- Art room
- Gymnasium

Programmatic Design

- Design elements determined in partnership with Academics



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Recent & Past Feedback

We've engaged **families, school leaders, community** and we've heard your feedback

- **Most Recent Roslindale Community Conversations:** 11/1/18, 3/1/19 (School Leaders), 3/5/2019, 5/7/21 (Staff), 5/11/21, 5/12/21 (School Committee)
- **School Choice/Pathways:** Clarity around timelines, to assess the impact on students and when decisions will be made regarding school choice options; transition plan for existing and/or future Irving students; create viable 6th grade options to improve retention
- **Equity:** Proactive use of racial equity planning tool
- **School Design:** Are there ways to preserve small schools? Can there be a two site/campus option?
- **Communications:** Need for School Transition Point Person; establish strong communication with BuildBPS Team.



Discussion: Reimagining Our Schools

Reimagining the future: building on what's been done, what would you like to see?

What does it look like to have:

- Academic excellence --learning opportunities
- Community collaboration - authentic engagement
- Extracurricular activities and partnerships



Next Steps

We're providing additional information and resources:

- We will email a google form for families who need support navigating the school transfer process
- We are finding more spaces to spend time with the school community during the Fall and will follow up with additional engagement sessions.
- Please reach out with any questions:
buildbps@bostonpublicschools.org