



Boston Public Schools

# BuildBPS Update James P. Timilty Middle School Community Meeting

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# James P. Timilty Middle School



## Agenda

- Welcome
- Information and Planning for the current Timilty Students
- Information and Planning for the future of the Timilty 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**

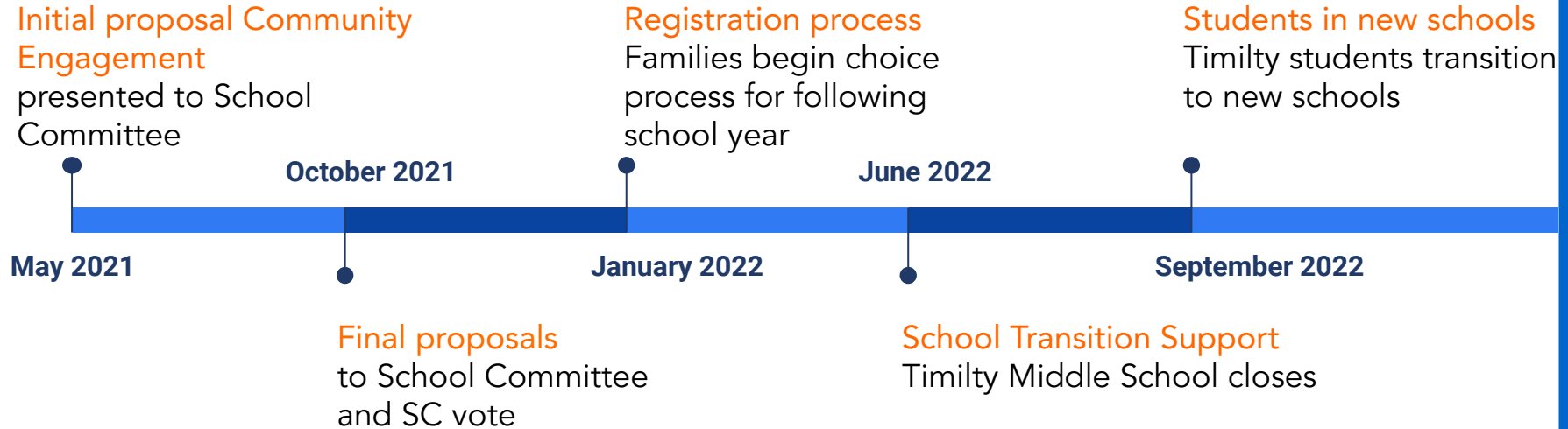


The Timilty Middle School will continue to serve students in grades 6, 7 and 8 for school year 2021-2022. In **January 2022 at the earliest, students will re-enter the school choice process** for September 2022:

- 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 Timilty Families





# Current Options for Families Impacted by the Timilty Closure

## K-8 Schools:

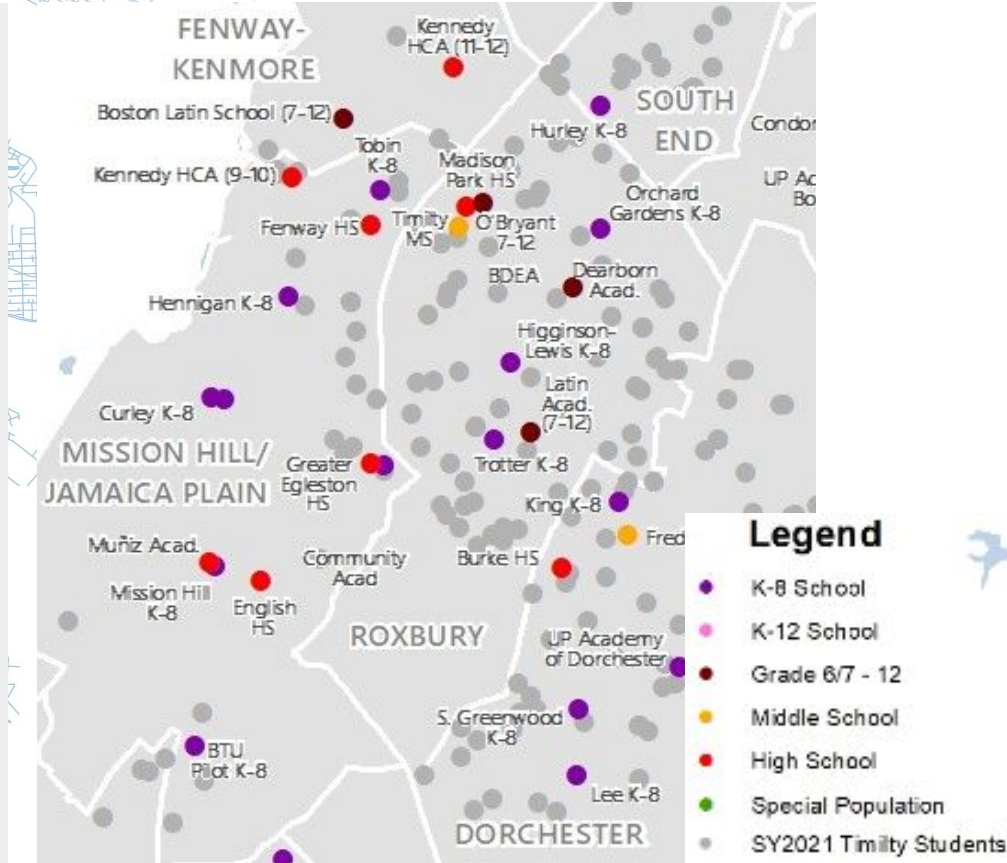
- Orchard Gardens K-8 (Roxbury)
- Tobin K-8 (Mission Hill)
- Higginson-Lewis K-8 (Roxbury)
- Trotter K-8 (Roxbury)
- King K-8 (Dorchester)

## 6-12 or 7-12 Schools:

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

## Other Citywide 6-12 or 7-12 Schools:

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





**Pause before we continue dialogue on the future to answer questions  
for impacted families**



## **Reimagining our Schools:**

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



# Timilty School and Roxbury Neighborhood Data



Timilty Data	Gr. 6	Gr. 7	Gr. 8
SY2021 Timilty Enrollment	48	86	93
SY2122 Projected Enrollment	53	54	91

Neighborhood Data	
Total school aged children living in Roxbury	12,019
Total students attending BPS Schools (K0 - 12)	8,907
% of school aged children attending BPS	74%
% of total BPS population living in Roxbury	17%



# Options for Timilty Building

## Exploring multiple options

- Renovated K0-6
- Swing space for area elementary school
- Part of a 7-12 expansion

## Physical Space Design

- Leveraging green space
- Art room
- Gymnasium

## Programmatic Design

- Design elements determined in partnership with Academics



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# Life Skills Room Design @ BCLA/McCormack



# Science Lab Classroom Design @ BCLA/McCormack





## Recent & Past Feedback

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

- **Most Recent Timilty Community Conversations:** 11/16/18 (Community), 5/7/21 (Staff), 5/11/21 (Community), 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 Timilty students.
- **Equity:** Smaller, under enrolled schools deserve the basics as well (Guidance counselors, smart boards, etc).
- **Staff Transition:** Support staff during transition.
- **School Design:** Community wants to be engaged in the process of how this building will be used in the future. smaller, under enrolled schools deserve the basics (Guidance counselors, smart boards).





## 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:  
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