



Boston Public Schools

# OEL Director's Report

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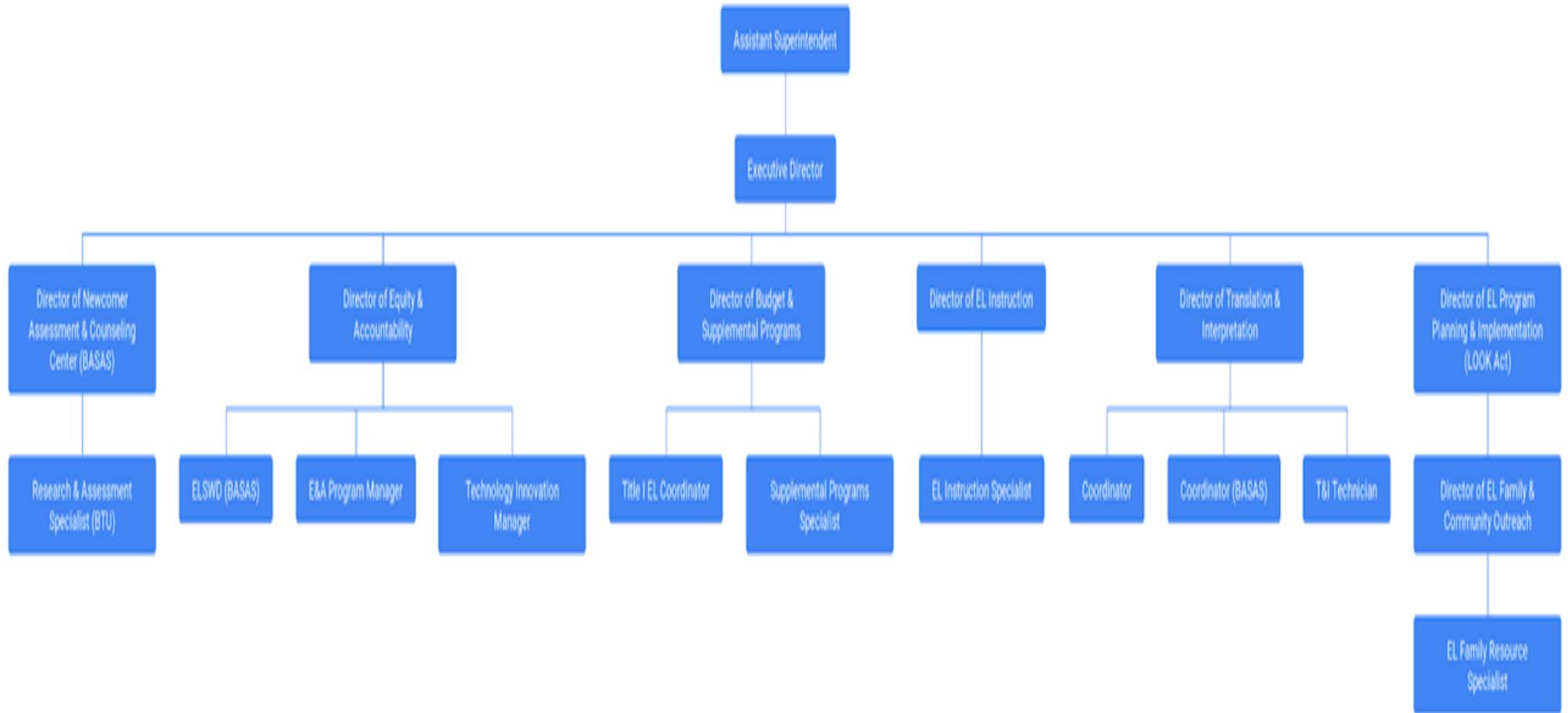
Presentation to the EL Task Force

June 29, 2020

# Summer

Office of English Learners - Summer Programming	
<b>Who</b>	<b>Goal:</b> 9,236 EL students (ELD 1-3, SLIFE and Compensatory Students) <b>Contact information:</b> <a href="mailto:oellsupplementalservices@bostonpublicschools.org">oellsupplementalservices@bostonpublicschools.org</a>
<b>What</b>	Our goal is to provide a fun and rigorous summer remote learning program specifically targeted to support rising K2-12 ELs with English language acquisition and content instruction connected to WIDA's English Language Proficiency Standards through interdisciplinary thematic units.
<b>When</b>	July 6 - August 7

# OEL Department Update





## LOOK Act Update - July 22 School Committee

1. Internal Audit with External Review
2. LOOK Act Team within OEL
3. LOOK Act Work Group - Strategic and Operational Plan

# LOOK Act Update

## Vietnamese

### K2 Classroom for SY20-21

- Out of 23 responses on interest form, 14 eligible based on grade & zone
- MOU with VietAID in process
- Teacher Working group focusing on curriculum and materials selection and vetting
- Meeting with Supt on July 14
- Job Postings for K2 Teacher & Para  
<https://tinyurl.com/VietnameseK2Para>  
<https://tinyurl.com/VietnameseK2Teacher>

## Cabo Verdean

### Community Meetings

- Biweekly Community Meetings - establishing three subcommittees:
  - Family Engagement
  - Curriculum/Instruction
  - CV Awareness
- Exploring avenues to officially use “Cabo Verdean”

### Secondary Course for SY20-21

- Curriculum/Instruction subcommittee reviewing 7 proposals from community leaders for partnerships on secondary courses, including potential dual enrollment options

# LOOK Act Update

## Bilingual Education Endorsement

### Grandfather Clause

- Processing Subject Matter Knowledge (SMK) forms for current DL & SLIFE teachers with 3+ years in BPS for the grandfather pathway (deadline to apply with DESE: June 30, 2020) - **108**

### Native Language Testing

- Offering the ACTFL oral and writing test for DL & SLIFE teachers - moved to remote proctoring through the vendor

## ELACs

- Language based English Learner Advisory Councils (ELACs) plans are being created by the Family Resource Specialists
- Same guiding principles, but tailored to the needs elevated by each community.

# School Requests for Program Modifications

At the end of each year, we work to balance SEI classroom enrollment for the next SY.

Since the phasing out of “hybrid” programs....

- When classroom configuration/enrollment balance concerns arise, schools request a program modification vetted by OEL and other central office partners.
- This year three schools have submitted program modifications, *but* have included additional grade levels that don't have issues with class size.



“Bilingual education is inherently political because it involves power relations between dominant and dominated groups. **Effective anti-racist bilingual programs will be vehemently resisted by the dominant group** despite research evidence because they threaten the power of the dominant group.”

(Cummins 1986)