Creating Schools Boston Communities Deserve

All kids deserve schools with expanded curriculum, wraparound supports, and community involvement

**Key Strategies**

- **Well-Prepared and Effective Teachers** who can support diverse learners.
- **Wraparound Academic, Social/Emotional & Health Supports** to help students stay on track.
- **Positive Discipline Policies** that keep students in school, safe, and learning.
- **Engaged Parents & Communities** that are invested in the school’s success and foster partnerships between the school, local businesses, and non-profits.
- **Universal Access to Pre-K** so that every child is ready to learn when they enter school and no one starts behind.
- **Equitable School Funding** so schools in low-income communities can be equipped with resources & supports.
- **Expanded Learning Time** including after-school programs, internships, and community service.

**Examples of Supports**

**Educators**
- Professional learning opportunities
- More support staff
- Appropriate use of assessments
- Small class sizes
- Right of educators to unionize
- Student peer mediation groups
- Student voice on school board

**Students & Families**
- Strong PTAs
- Student peer mediation groups
- Student voice on school board

**Community**
- School-based Clinics
- Healthcare Providers
- Law Enforcement
- Local Businesses
- Mentoring & Internships
- Stopping suspensions

**Policy Makers**
- Fair education budgeting

**Boston Public Schools**

- **Jeremiah E. Burke High School**
  - Graduation rate increased from 43% in 2011 to 61% in 2014
  - 88% of English Language Learners advanced at least one level in English language standards
  - 10th Graders achieved 82% growth in Math proficiency between 2011 and 2014
  - Only high school in MA to exit turnaround status

- **Higginson-Lewis K-8 School**
  - Highlighted by Boston Public Schools for exemplary academic growth
  - 4th grade ELA proficiency grew from 3% in 2011 to 47% in 2014
  - 8th grade ELA proficiency grew from 31% in 2013 to 48% in 2014

- **Young Achievers**
  - 4th grade math proficiency grew from 8% in 2011 to 42% in 2014
  - 67th percentile for student growth in Math in 2014, highlighted by Boston for exemplary growth

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