



# OUR CITY, OUR SCHOOLS!

## **BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS NEED RESOURCES AND STABILITY - NOT "RECEIVERSHIP"**

Right now, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education is threatening to impose a destabilizing takeover on Boston Public Schools. Parents, educators, and students are fighting back because we know this is another distraction from winning the resources and changes our public schools need to succeed.

Across the United States, state takeovers have proven to be destabilizing, unsustainable, and dangerous for the future of children and students.

### **Boston parents, educators, and students are saying:**

- NO to state receivership
- NO to top-down state interventions that ignore the voices and experiences of students, parents, and educators
- NO to racist test-based ranking systems

### **We are saying YES to:**

- Resources that help achieve the schools our students deserve, particularly for our Special Education and EL students.
- Investments to update our buildings for the 21st century.
- Increased funding for Hub community schools with wraparound services for students.

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**Together, we can create the schools our  
students deserve.**

## More information

We know the way to make our schools stronger is to empower communities with resources, not to impose a failed receivership agenda that is disastrous for cities across the country.

### What happens when the state intervenes with receivership?

- The community is destabilized, often experiencing a reduction in the number of educators of color and an increase in fewer experienced educators for students to learn from. Receivership proponents target black and brown communities.
- Funds come in for a short amount of time, when they leave student performance goes back down. This is not a sustainable solution.
- Corporate privatizers benefit, students don't. That's why some groups that are funded by big corporations, support state takeovers.

### What can I do?

- 1. Stay Updated!** Visit [BTU.org/OurCityOurSchools](http://BTU.org/OurCityOurSchools) to learn more and to sign up for our campaign listserv.
- 2. Share Your Story!** Have you experienced turnaround or receivership at your school? Our campaign can prep you to share your story with the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- 3. Spread the Word!** Educate people at your school. Use our educational toolkit to help you prepare a presentation for your Faculty Senate, Student Government, or Parent Council.



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