

# 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

Professional learning opportunities

### EDUCATORS

More support staff

Appropriate use of assessments

Small class sizes

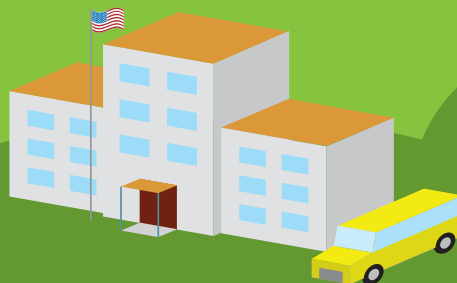
Right of educators to unionize

### STUDENTS & FAMILIES

Student peer mediation groups

Student voice on school board

Strong PTAs



### 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 5% 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