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OFFICE OF THE MAYOR
MARTIN J. WALSH

Dear Boston Public Schools Community,

I recently announced a 10-year, \$1 billion investment in the buildings and classrooms of the Boston Public Schools. Boston's schools are out of date. Our teachers, principals, and staff work tirelessly and creatively to keep them supportive learning environments. But the fact is, 65 percent of Boston's 127 schools were built before World War II, fewer than half of those have been fully renovated, and it shows. In that time, we built an elevated expressway, tore it down, and buried it in a tunnel downtown. We should be able to build great schools. They are our ultimate investment in the future.

That's why, for over a year, we've been gathering community input and hard data on our school buildings' needs — and imagining new possibilities for their future. We've put it all together in **BuildBPS**, our 10-year educational and facilities master plan, which we officially launched today. To learn more, please visit the new website at BuildBPS.org.

BuildBPS is going to transform the way we plan, build, and renovate school facilities. And more: it's going to unlock everything else we need to do to prepare students for 21st-century success. We are going to create not just modern schools, but flexible space that will allow our district to meet *new* potentials as the City and the world evolves.

The next phase of BuildBPS calls for deep and ongoing engagement. Build BPS is a living document. We're going to build on the knowledge, creativity and dedication in our school communities to re-imagine and renew Boston's public school infrastructure. Together we will plan and build to create a new era of equity and excellence in Boston's schools.

Sincerely,

Martin J. Walsh
Mayor of Boston