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Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	What are the reasons for the cost overrun on contract services line item this year?	Each year we spend money on contracted educational services for students with disabilities. A portion of these costs are reimbursed by the state through the Circuit Breaker. This is loaded as an external fund grant throughout the year as we receive the reimbursement. Expenditures will be transferred off of general funds later in the year.	Bok
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	What mental health supports will be in place for when students return to school? Ongoing dialogue when school opens around mental health supports. Need more support for low income students, especially Asian students.	Our students' health, safety and social emotional well-being is a top priority. Behavioral Health Services has continued to provide behavioral health services to students throughout the closure. As of 4/21/20 we have made 4,641 total contacts with students and provided 1,251 telemental health support sessions. In addition our community mental health partners have also been providing services to students. All of the services will be ready to deliver to students upon reopening. Our mental health professionals will also work closely with the school leaders in the monitoring of support services as identified in the students' Individualized Remote Learning Plan developed in tandem with teachers during the Student Support team process. Furthermore, BHS has begun developing Mental Health re-entry guidance to support schools in returning to normalcy upon return to school as well as guidance on supporting mental health needs of students. For the 20-21 school year, BPS will be hiring additional social workers which will increase our capacity to meet the mental health needs of students in our schools with the greatest need.	Flynn
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Sense of when schools will re-open? Timeline? If open, will there be temperature checks for students, masks? What's the plan if schools open then need to close again? When will we see the things, plans/checklists, ect., for what needs to happen to re-open.	We are planning now for several scenarios related to school reopening, all with different timeframes and logistical requirements. While these plans will continue to evolve as the health crisis evolves, we hope to be able to share high-level summaries of the plans in the future. Any plans for the reopening of schools whole or in part will be in consultation with the Mayor's Office, the City of Boston Health Officials, and state guidance. The health and safety of our children and overall community will be informed by the advice of public health officials and medical experts will determine when and how we open.	Wu
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Share MOU with Tufts/COB re: Quincy School	MOU between BPS and Tufts MC	Wu
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Can the budget slides/budget online translated into multiple languages?	BPS is working with our Translations Unit to make documents available in multiple languages. Many documents are available for viewing through Google Translate on our website, bostonpublicschools.org/budget	Mejia
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Requesting information on the planned closure of the Jackson Mann and Horace Mann schools in June and plans going forward.	BPS plans to close the Jackson/Mann building at the end of SY 2020-2021. The district has been seeking temporary or permanent buildings to house the Jackson Mann K-8 School and the Horace Mann Schools. The district has shared a survey with Jackson/Mann K-8 families and staff to explore additional options developed by the district and school community. Once we are settled into our new remote learning routines, we will once again reengage with the community on these decisions moving forward.	Breadon
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Out-of-district Special Education placement budget number for last year (FY20) versus this year (FY21)?	Out of district special education is increasing from \$39.7M to \$40.7M from FY20 to FY21 due to standard cost of services increase	O'Malley
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	How many teachers have logged in or not logged in and of the teachers (84 out of 4,500) who have not logged in, why?	Stats during a 1 week period: Logged in on at least 1 day: 81% (3376 / 4152 teachers) At least 2 days: 72% At least 3 days: 62% At least 4 days: 50% Logged in 5 days (every day): 33% On average, on any given day last week, 59% of teachers were actively using Google Classroom. Monday: 68% Tuesday: 60% Wednesday: 59% Thursday: 57% Friday: 53%	Janey

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Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	List of programs offered at out-of-district vocational/technical schools not offered at BPS, especially Minuteman and other trade schools. How much is spent on out-of-district trade schools?	FY 20 expenditure estimated to be \$880,000 to Norfolk Aggie. State regulations allow students to access agricultural schools regardless of whether we offer one of their programs. Minuteman has the following CH 74 programs that BPS does not offer: *Biotechnology, *Early Ed, *Engineering, Horticulture, Machine Tool Technology, Robotics and Automation. We currently do not have any students at Minuteman. Students cannot enter in grade 9 which impacts student interest in the school. We offer the starred programs as non-CH74s.	Baker
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	How will Adams scholarships be decided without MCAS?	We will provide the City Council with information on this in the future. We have not received guidance from DESE on this yet.	O'Malley
Budget Overview	Tuesday, 4/14	Requesting a list of schools without a full time nurse.	Schools without FT Nurses: Alighieri Montessori- Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Clap Elementary - Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Community Academy HS - Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Greater Egleston HS - Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Mason Elementary - Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 O'Donnell Elementary - Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Adams Elementary- 3/1/20 Margaret VanCleve-Rocchio began to transition this school to FT coverage utilizing a "one year only" coverage nurse at this school. Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Hale Elementary School- 2/3/20 Margaret VanCleve-Rocchio began to transition this school to FT coverage utilizing a "one year only" coverage nurse at this school. Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 PJ Kennedy Elementary-3/1/20 Margaret VanCleve-Rocchio began to transition this school to FT coverage utilizing a "one year only" coverage nurse at the Adams, leaving the permanent nurse at the PJ Kennedy. Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Philbrick Elementary-3/1/20 Margaret VanCleve-Rocchio began to transition this school to FT coverage utilizing a "one year only" coverage nurse at this school. Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 Winthrop Elementary- 2/3/20 Margaret VanCleve-Rocchio began to transition this school to FT coverage utilizing a "one year only" coverage nurse at the Hale, leaving the permanent nurse at the Winthrop. Currently posted for hire SY 20-21 These schools are not slated to increase, I have been told that these schools are different from other traditional schools. Boston Collaborative HS Ostiguy Recovery	Essaibi-George
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	What is the strategy for hiring BPS social workers (especially for schools with non-English-speaking populations)?	Along with all the transformation positions (coach, family liaison, etc.) we are implementing a central office screening process to ensure a highly qualified pool of diverse candidates for our schools. As of 4/14/20- We currently have 45 candidates in the screened social work pool. 34 of them identify as either African American, Asian or Hispanic, with 32 candidates identifying as bilingual. We have screened a total of 193 resumes out of 196 as of this morning.	Flynn
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	Are translation services available at School Site Council meetings?	Interpretation at SSC meetings and translation of documents for those meetings are available upon request through our office of English Learners.	Mejia
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	What is the criteria for how we choose transformation schools? How is the OI being adjusted for gentrification?	Transformation Schools are identified by DESE based on a comparison of performance across the state on five measures: 1.) MCAS performance on ELA, Math and Science, 2.) student growth known as SGP - Student Growth Percentile, 3.) % of EL students making progress toward proficiency, 4.) rate of chronic absenteeism, 5.) in High Schools only - measures of success in graduation rate, advance coursework completion rate, and drop-out rate. Schools that are in the bottom 10% of schools statewide on these measures or that have a particular low performing subgroup(s) are identified as in need of assistance and intervention.	Janey
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	What are the Weighted Student Funding categories? (and what are the weights per student?)	This spreadsheet has all of the categories and weights per student. https://drive.google.com/open?id=1HWj-4pTQxUBW8XWHTHHLmirGPX3kpRld	Janey

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School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	What are the study plans for the East Boston and Charlestown schools expansion process?	We've added \$500k into the Capital budget for Edward's Design study. Additional investments in that school will depend largely on the district's needs and results of the study. We continue to work with the BPDA and to refine our internal enrollment projections to ensure that we are building not just for our current needs, but to have a sustainable schools system going forward.	Edwards
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	Update on vision screenings and Warby Parker program in BPS?	We partnered with New England College of Optometry (NECO) to conduct 1,887 total vision screenings across 13 schools in October and November 2019. Screenings were completed by BPS nurses & health paraprofessionals, as well as NECO. Students who failed vision screenings were given the opportunity to have free comprehensive eye exams from 2020 Onsite. At this point, we are still waiting on data regarding the number of students who received comprehensive eye exams from 2020 Onsite at each school and how many of those students needed glasses (due to interruption from COVID-19).	Flaherty
School Budgets	Tuesday, 4/14	List of schols with declining budgets and what losses those decreases will result in?	https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1tdT6xVZrjOOIrXgGu8zNsdv8Rmxv7XqkcGaDuCzJL-Y/edit?usp=sharing . This spreadsheet has the requested information	Essaibi-George