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Dear Boston Public Schools Community:

It is important to Boston Public Schools (BPS) that our students, parents, teachers, staff, and community partners receive accurate information about the work that is being done throughout the district to achieve the best possible outcomes for our students. Today, Wednesday, July 20th, WGBH News posted an article online that was patently false regarding a proposal for the admissions process to the district's three exam schools.

BPS does not have a report, in draft or final form, entitled: "BPS Strategic Implementation Plan 2016/Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force." There are no proposals to prevent *any* students from enrolling into the district's three exam schools. I hope this provides some clarity in the midst of these claims. BPS is disappointed that this media outlet reported this erroneous information and did not attempt to verify any facts with BPS before posting its article.

Recently, I shared our strategic implementation plan for Boston Public Schools with the Boston community. "Strong Schools; Stronger Boston: A Plan to Foster Equity, Coherence, and Innovation throughout Boston Public Schools" focuses on how to provide a high quality, public education for all of our students, and it is grounded in values of equity, coherence, and innovation. I welcome you to view this plan on our website at bostonpublicschools.org/strategicplan2016, and look forward to our continued work, as a community, in ensuring that BPS provides high quality learning opportunities for all students.

Regards,



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