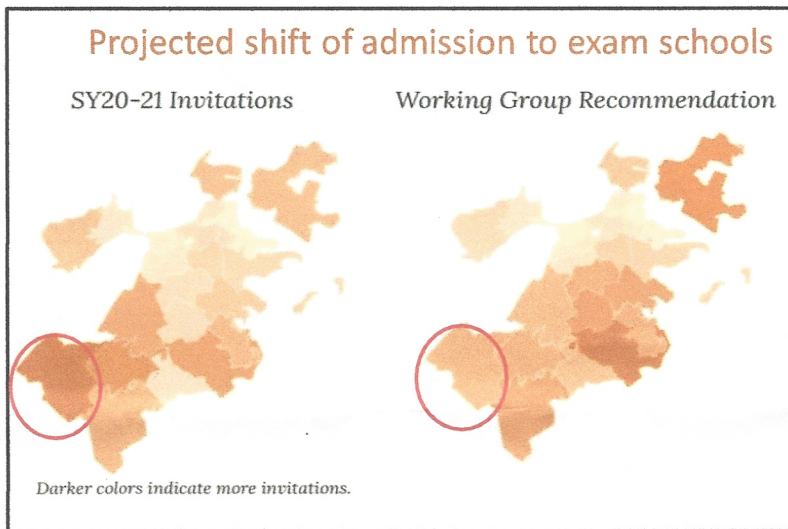


Save the Exam Schools, Save the City Stop Discrimination by Zip Code

On October 8th, Exam Schools Admission Working Group provided a new recommendation for the admission of exam schools without going through any public hearing. Key points from the recommendation include:

1. Suspend "Exam" as a 50% criteria for entrance to Boston Latin School, Boston Latin Academy and O'Bryant School .
2. Reserve 20% seats at the three exam schools based on straight GPA rank.
3. Assign 80% of seats by percentage of school-age children in Boston zip code. Use a GPA straight rank within each zip code, prioritizing zip codes with the lowest median household income first.

School Committee will vote on the recommendation on **Wednesday October 21st!**



Projected seats for SY21-22

Zip Code	Neighborhood	Median Household Income	Percentage of School-Aged Children	Number of Total Available Seats Across 3 Exam Schools
02108	Beacon Hill	\$136,667	0.30%	2.16
02109	Downtown	\$143,191	0.10%	0.72
02110	Downtown	\$116,932	0.30%	2.16
02111	Chinatown	\$40,870	0.80%	5.76
02113	North End	\$100,063	0.30%	2.16
02114	Beacon Hill/West End	\$95,161	0.70%	5.04
02115	Longwood/Fenway	\$37,340	1.40%	10.08
02116	Back Bay	\$105,559	1.30%	9.36
02199	Back Bay	\$91,125	0.10%	0.72
02118	South End	\$65,250	3.30%	23.76
02119	Roxbury	\$30,551	6.10%	43.92
02120	Roxbury	\$33,727	1.50%	10.8
02121	Roxbury	\$30,712	8.20%	59.04
02122	Dorchester	\$60,474	4.60%	33.12
02124	Dorchester	\$53,174	12.40%	89.28
02125	Dorchester	\$56,318	6.30%	45.36
02126	Mattapan	\$52,474	6.30%	45.36
02127	South Boston	\$69,340	4.20%	30.24
02128	East Boston	\$55,483	9.00%	64.8
02129	Charlestown	\$118,226	3.00%	21.6
02130	Jamaica Plain	\$90,813	5.10%	36.72
02131	Rosindale	\$73,199	6.50%	46.8
02132	West Roxbury	\$100,915	4.80%	34.56
02134	Allston	\$58,068	1.20%	8.64
02163	Allston	\$49,659	0.10%	0.72
02135	Brighton	\$72,009	3.70%	26.64
02136	Hyde Park	\$64,784	7.80%	56.16
02210	Seaport	\$163,068	0.10%	0.72
02215	Fenway/Kenmore	\$45,337	0.40%	2.88

(<https://www.shahfoundation.org/blog/2020/10/15/9ccjzuzdegpzar02vf4cyoipfw2m7j>)

In the past, WR neighborhood has 100 to 150 students admitted by the three exam schools every year!

Impacts and Consequences

1. The method relies on subjective, rather than objective, criteria to evaluate incoming students for the exam schools, which will undermine the education quality towards academic excellence and competitiveness.
2. The distribution of incoming seats based on median house income is a discriminatory measure against equal opportunity for all students
3. Property values will diminish in neighborhoods like **West Roxbury** since families will choose to move out of the neighborhood

WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Join the Rallies On Sunday October 18:
 - 8:45 am at Boston Latin School, 78 Avenue Louis Pasteur
 - 11:00 am at Boston Latin Academy, 205 Townsend St
- Call Mayor Martin J. Walsh to oppose the proposal: 617-635-4500, mayor@boston.gov
- Call or Email BPS School Committee Members to Vote: NO.

The contact of school committee can be found in website:

<https://www.bostonpublicschools.org/domain/162>