

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR MINIARD CULPEPPER



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-SIX

ORDERED: That under the provisions of section 1.17F of Chapter 376 of the Acts of 1951 as amended by section 16 of Chapter 190 of the Acts of 1982, and any other applicable provision of law, the Mayor, be, and hereby is, requested to obtain and deliver to the City Council, within one week of the receipt hereof, the following information relative to the planning process for the future of the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science from January 1, 2023, through the present.

In June 2023, the City announced a proposal to relocate the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science from its existing campus in Roxbury to the West Roxbury Education Complex, expand the school by approximately 400 seats, and renovate the West Roxbury campus to accommodate the school. The proposal was announced in connection with a broader plan to rebuild and expand Madison Park Technical Vocational High School on the existing Madison Park-O'Bryant campus.

Following significant community feedback regarding the proposed relocation, the City stated in a February 27, 2024 letter to the O'Bryant and Madison Park school communities that it had spent several months "diligently exploring alternative sites for the O'Bryant school building" in Roxbury and other neighborhoods, but had determined that no alternative location could accommodate the expansion and student experience envisioned for the school. The Administration subsequently announced that the proposed relocation to West Roxbury would be halted indefinitely.

The same letter stated that community input received through the O'Bryant School programming study would be compiled into a report and shared in the coming months and that the future of the O'Bryant would be incorporated into the City's broader long-term capital planning process.

To date, the Council and the public have had limited access to the analyses, criteria, site evaluations, programming studies, and other documents underlying the City's 2023 proposal, its subsequent evaluation of alternative sites, and its ultimate decision to halt the proposed relocation. These records are necessary to understand the Administration's vision for the O'Bryant, the needs and criteria identified through the planning process, the alternatives that were considered, and how that prior work is informing current planning for the future of the school.

Specifically, the Council requests:

- All documents, reports, studies, analyses, presentations, and other materials developed in connection with the June 2023 proposal to relocate the John D. O'Bryant School of Mathematics and Science to the West Roxbury Education Complex.
- All documents identifying or describing the Administration's proposed expansion of the O'Bryant, including the proposed addition of approximately 400 seats, projected enrollment, grade configuration, academic programming, extracurricular programming, student services, athletic facilities, transportation needs, and other components of the proposed student experience.
- All criteria, standards, specifications, assumptions, or parameters used by the City or Boston Public Schools to determine the physical site and facility requirements necessary to accommodate the proposed expansion and student experience envisioned for the O'Bryant.
- All site analyses, feasibility studies, property evaluations, maps, scoring matrices, rankings, assessments, presentations, memoranda, and other records relating to alternative locations considered for the O'Bryant in Roxbury and other Boston neighborhoods.
- A list of every site considered as a potential location for the O'Bryant, including the location of each site and the reason or reasons each site was determined to be suitable or unsuitable.
- All analyses relating to the West Roxbury Education Complex as a potential O'Bryant location, including transportation access, student travel times, enrollment, facility capacity, construction and renovation needs, athletic facilities, academic programming, capital costs, and projected timelines.
- All documents relating to the decision to halt indefinitely the proposed relocation of the O'Bryant to the West Roxbury Education Complex.
- All documents, records, and reports produced through the O'Bryant School programming study referenced in the February 27, 2024 letter to the O'Bryant and Madison Park school communities.
- The final report, draft reports, summaries, compilations, or other materials incorporating community input from students, families, educators, staff, alumni, and other stakeholders gathered through the O'Bryant School programming study.
- All community engagement materials, including meeting agendas, presentations, attendance records, surveys, questionnaires, written comments, summaries of feedback, and other records related to the proposed relocation, expansion, programming study, or future capital planning for the O'Bryant.
- All correspondence between the Mayor's Office, Boston Public Schools, the Public Facilities Department, the Boston Planning Department or former Boston Planning and Development Agency, and any consultants or outside entities concerning potential locations, facility planning, enrollment, programming, renovation, expansion, or construction of the O'Bryant.
- All cost estimates, capital budget projections, design estimates, construction estimates, renovation estimates, and financing analyses prepared for the proposed West Roxbury relocation or any alternative site.
- All documents analyzing the condition and capital needs of the O'Bryant's existing facilities on the Madison Park-O'Bryant campus, including facility condition assessments,

deferred maintenance needs, renovation options, construction options, and estimated costs.

- All documents describing how the decision to rebuild or renovate Madison Park Technical Vocational High School on the existing shared campus affects the existing O'Bryant facilities, including construction staging, access, transportation, academic operations, shared facilities, utilities, athletic facilities, and future opportunities or constraints for renovating or rebuilding the O'Bryant.
- All documents identifying the O'Bryant's current priority or ranking within the BPS long-term facilities and capital planning process, including any criteria, scoring systems, facility condition assessments, enrollment projections, or other factors used to establish that priority.
- All current plans, timelines, studies, or anticipated next steps regarding major capital improvements, renovation, expansion, or replacement of the O'Bryant School.

The Council further requests:

- A timeline of all planning activities undertaken regarding the O'Bryant from January 1, 2023, through the present.
- Identification of all consultants, contractors, architects, planners, or other outside entities retained to perform work related to the O'Bryant planning process and copies of their contracts, scopes of work, reports, and deliverables.
- The amount of City funds expended to date on planning, studies, consulting, design, community engagement, or other work associated with the proposed relocation, expansion, renovation, or future capital planning of the O'Bryant.
- An explanation of whether the report compiling community feedback promised in the February 27, 2024 letter was completed and, if so, a copy of the report and the date on which it was made publicly available; and, if it was not completed or published, an explanation of its current status.
- Electronic copies of all responsive materials in their original format whenever possible.

Requesting that the Mayor, Boston Public Schools, the Public Facilities Department, and all other relevant City departments provide any and all information available regarding these matters.

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