

OFFERED BY COUNCILOR RUTHZEE LOUIJEUNE



CITY OF BOSTON

IN THE YEAR TWO THOUSAND TWENTY SIX

**RESOLUTION COMMENDING HISTORIC  
GRADUATION AND DROPOUT RATE IMPROVEMENTS  
IN BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools has achieved the highest four-year graduation rate since the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education began tracking this metric, with 81.3 percent of students graduating within four years; *and*

**WHEREAS,** Boston Public Schools has also recorded the lowest dropout rate in the district's modern reporting history, excluding the pandemic-impacted year of 2021, reflecting meaningful progress in keeping students connected to school; *and*

**WHEREAS,** These outcomes reflect sustained efforts by BPS to take a student-centered approach to education, including initiatives aimed at reducing chronic absenteeism and reengaging students who may be at risk of leaving school; *and*

**WHEREAS,** The district has implemented proactive outreach strategies to reconnect students with school communities, including identifying students at risk of dropping out and working with them individually to find educational pathways and programs that better meet their needs; *and*

**WHEREAS,** While these improvements represent meaningful progress for Boston's students and educators, continued work also remains necessary to address persistent opportunity gaps and ensure that all students are able to complete rigorous academic pathways; ***NOW, THEREFORE BE IT***

**RESOLVED:** That the Boston City Council recognizes and celebrates the students, educators, families, and staff of Boston Public Schools for achieving the highest graduation rate and lowest dropout rate in the district's recent history, and commends their ongoing work to ensure that every student remains engaged in school and on a path toward graduation.

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