



City of Boston, Massachusetts
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TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Councilors:

This is the response to the 17F: Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding traveling Boston Public School employees and parking access needs. (**Docket #0298 filed on 2/6/2026**).

Sincerely,

Michelle Wu
Mayor of Boston

[0298](#) - Councilor Murphy offered the following: Order requesting certain information under section 17F regarding traveling Boston Public School employees and parking access needs

Response to City Council Order Under Section 17F

Order Requesting Information Regarding traveling Boston Public School employees and parking access needs

Filed in Council: February 4, 2026

Responding Agency: Boston Public Schools

ORDERED: That Boston Public Schools provide data regarding employees whose assigned job responsibilities require travel between two or more Boston Public Schools sites during the workday, for the current school year and the two prior school years, including but not limited to the following:

1. The total number of Boston Public Schools employees whose regular job responsibilities require travel between two or more school sites during the school day, disaggregated by job title or role.

Boston Public Schools does not maintain a single, static count of employees whose regular job responsibilities require travel between two or more school sites during the school day. The number of such employees fluctuates over time and is dependent on school-level needs, student service requirements, staffing assignments, and operational considerations at any given point in the school year.

Positions that may require travel between multiple school sites can vary by role and may include, but are not limited to, instructional specialists, related service providers, support staff, and certain central or network-based personnel. Whether travel is required for a specific employee may change based on student enrollment, individualized service plans, vacancies, leaves, programmatic adjustments, or temporary reassignments.

Because these assignments are dynamic and subject to change, Boston Public Schools does not categorize or track all employees in a centralized manner based solely on inter-site travel requirements, nor does it maintain a consistently updated, disaggregated count by job title or role.

2. The criteria currently used by Boston Public Schools to define or classify an employee as a traveling employee for purposes of parking eligibility or other transportation supports.

Employees who use their own vehicle on authorized school business are entitled to [Mileage Reimbursement](#) and/or [the ParkBoston Program](#).

3. The total number of parking passes issued by Boston Public Schools to traveling employees, disaggregated by school year and by employee role or assignment, for the current school year and the two prior school years.

The Boston Public Schools does not issue parking passes. Eligible members of the Boston Teachers Union may use the ParkBoston app to park in on-street 2-hour metered parking spaces for up to 3 hours in one session at no cost.

4. The number of traveling employees who applied for but did not receive a parking pass in each of the referenced school years.

N/A

5. Any data available regarding parking citations or fines incurred by traveling employees while performing required job duties, including whether any reimbursements were provided.

N/A

6. A description of any alternatives to parking passes currently offered to traveling employees, including mileage reimbursement, transit benefits, or other supports.

- The Transportation Benefit Plan allows employees to set aside an amount pre-tax from their paycheck to pay for certain parking and transportation expenses subject to the following limits:
 - Parking Reimbursement Account: Allows you to pay for your daily or monthly parking expenses up to \$230.00 per month.
 - Mass Transit Reimbursement Account: Allows you to pay for your mass transit expenses related to your commute to work up to \$230 per month.
- For employees who use their personal vehicles for work, the district offers [mileage reimbursement](#) and free [3-hour parking through the Park Boston App](#).
- Bluebike Annual Pass; Full-time benefits-eligible employees are eligible for a \$0 annual Bluebikes pass.

7. Any written policies, internal guidance, or communications provided to staff, principals, or supervisors regarding parking eligibility, renewal, or prioritization for traveling employees.

- [Mileage reimbursement circular](#)
- [Multi-Site BPS Employee ParkBoston Program](#)