



CITY OF BOSTON IN CITY COUNCIL

IN THE YEAR TWO-THOUSAND AND TWENTY-SIX

ORDER OF COUNCILOR ERIN MURPHY

ORDERED: That under the provisions of Section 17F of Chapter 452 of the Acts of 1948, as amended, and any other applicable provision of law, Her Honor, 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:

Data regarding Boston resident students for whom Boston Public Schools incurred tuition, transportation, or other related costs for placement in vocational or technical high schools outside of the Boston Public Schools system during the past five completed school years and the current school year to date, including School Years 2020–2021 through 2024–2025, and School Year 2025–2026 to date.

Specifically, the Council requests:

1. The total number of Boston resident students placed in vocational or technical high schools outside of the Boston Public Schools system, for whom Boston Public Schools paid costs, by school year.
2. The name and location of each receiving vocational or technical high school and the number of Boston resident students attending each school, by school year.
3. The total tuition and fee costs paid by Boston Public Schools for these placements, by school year and by receiving school.
4. The total transportation costs associated with these placements, by school year, including but not limited to busing, contracts, and related services.
5. The total combined cost to Boston Public Schools for these placements, including tuition, transportation, and any other related costs, by school year.
6. The average per-student cost incurred by Boston Public Schools for these out-of-district vocational placements, by school year.
7. The funding sources used to pay for these costs, including Boston Public Schools operating funds, City funds, state reimbursements, or any other sources.
8. To the extent available, the primary stated reason for placement outside of the Boston Public Schools system, including but not limited to lack of program availability, capacity constraints, or student-specific educational needs.

For School Year 2025–2026, responses should reflect data available as of the date of the response.

Requesting that Boston Public Schools, through the Mayor, provide any and all information that is available regarding this matter, including summary tables and electronically usable data where possible.

Filed in Council: February 4th, 2026