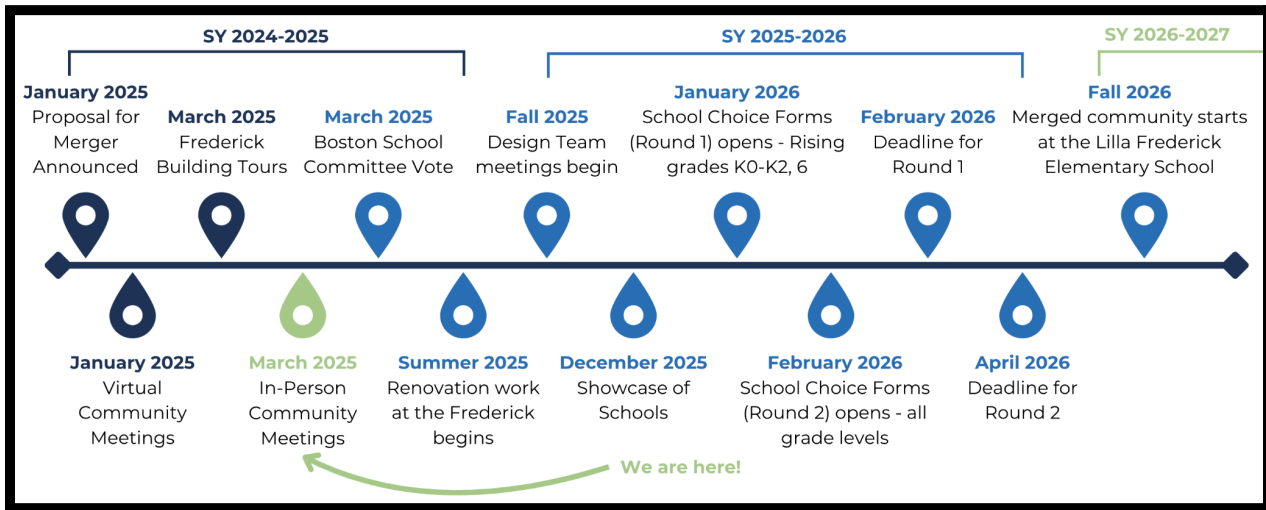
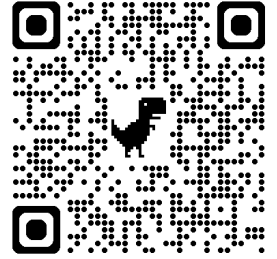




Dear Roger Clap Families,

This week, THURSDAY, MARCH 20 at 5:30pm BPS School Committee will be voting on whether to APPROVE the proposed Roger Clap & Winthrop Elementary School Merger and move into the Lilla Frederick Elementary School for the 2026-2027 school. This is a virtual meeting. Every family, student and staff has a right to share their concerns, hopes & feedback about this proposal. To sign up to give Public Comment at the Virtual School Committee Hearing, please [visit this link](#) starting on Tuesday, March 18 at 5:30pm. A core value of the Roger Clap is ADVOCACY. Thank you for showcasing this core value as the district considers this proposal. Please see the image below to better understand the timeline BPS has set for this proposal.



Upcoming Events

- Spring Family Conferences: March 20 - April 4: Sign up today! Families will receive their learner's Winter Report Card.
- Tuesday, March 25 at 6pm: School Site Council Meeting on Zoom where families can learn about Spring MCAS & MAP testing.
- Wednesday, April 16 at 5:30pm - Family Potluck



Roger Clap MCAS Testing Dates

	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6
ELA	April 1 & 3	April 8 & 11	April 1 & 3	April 7 & 9
Math	May 6 & 8	May 13 & 15	May 1 & 6	May 12 & 14
Science	N/A	N/A	May 8 & 15	N/A

In partnership,
 Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal

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3rd Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 1 & 3	2-2.5 Hours	2-2.5 Hours
Math May 6 & 8	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

Testing starts each day at 10:00. Please ensure students arrive at school on time. Students that arrive after the test session has begun will not be admitted into the testing space. Students will then need to take a make-up test on another day.

Untimed Students will test online using school Chromebooks. The Massachusetts Department of Education has given estimated times for each session reflected above in the calendars. Students will have the time they need to complete the assessment.

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4th Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 8 & 11	2-2.5 Hours	2-2.5 Hours
Math May 13 & 15	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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5th Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 1 & 3	2-2.5 Hours	2-2.5 Hours
Math May 1 & 6	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours
Science May 8 & 15	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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6th Grade MCAS Schedule

MCAS Subject	Session 1	Session 2
ELA April 7 & 9	2-2.5 Hours	2-2.5 Hours
Math May 12 & 14	1.5 Hours	1.5 Hours

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