



PUBLIC SCHOOLS of  
**BROOKLINE**



**School Committee Meeting - September 1, 2022**



# Agenda



- Staffing Updates
- School Calendar Reminders
- Facilities Update
- Security Update
- Anticipated Health Protocols
- Enrollment Update
- Statewide changes to High School MCAS Requirements



# Staffing Updates

PSB welcomes ten new Educational Leaders to our community in SY2022-23:

- **Malcolm Cawthorne**, METCO Director
- **Rachel Craigen**, Interim BEEP Coordinator
- **Margaret Eberhardt**, Interim BEEP Principal
- **Dominique Ferdinand**, Vice Principal at Lawrence
- **Alison Henry**, Vice Principal at Baker
- **Haeyoung Koh**, Assistant Director for Educational Equity
- **David Lindner**, Interim Vice Principal at Lawrence
- **Liza O'Connell**, Interim Deputy Superintendent for Student Services
- **Aida Ramos**, Director of Special Education at BHS
- **Kyle Williams**, Athletic Director at BHS

We look forward to having all of these new leaders join us at the September 15 meeting for their formal introduction to the school community.

PSB also welcomed over 80 new educators and staff in the new educator orientation days: 8/25, 8/26 and 8/29. All teachers and paraprofessionals returned to school on 8/31.



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# New Staff Orientation - August 26, 2022



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# Leadership Retreat - August 30, 2022



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# Teachers and Paraprofessionals Report - August 31, 2022

## Monday, September 5 - Labor Day

- All PSB Offices Closed.

## Tuesday, September 6 - First Day of School (K-12)

- Students in grades K-8 should arrive to school by **7:50 a.m.** 9th grade students should arrive at Greenough Street Campus by **8:00 a.m.** 10th to 12th grade students should arrive at BHS by **10:00 a.m.** for advisory.
- Kindergarten classes have a split assignment. Either Tuesday or Wednesday, September 7 is their first day of school. All Kindergarten students will be dismissed at noon (12:00 p.m.) for both days as well.

## Wednesday, September 7 - First Day of School (BEEP)

More information on [www.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendar](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/calendar)

- Classrooms are being **cleaned and revitalized** for back to school and return of students and staff.
- COVID-19 materials and supplies remain accessible within building use:
  - Hand Sanitizer
  - Suprox Bottled Solution (Disinfectant available upon request)
  - Paper Towels
  - Hand Soap
- **Portable HEPA filters** remain in place for all classrooms.



**Shoutout and thank you to our wonderful custodians!**

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# Facilities Update



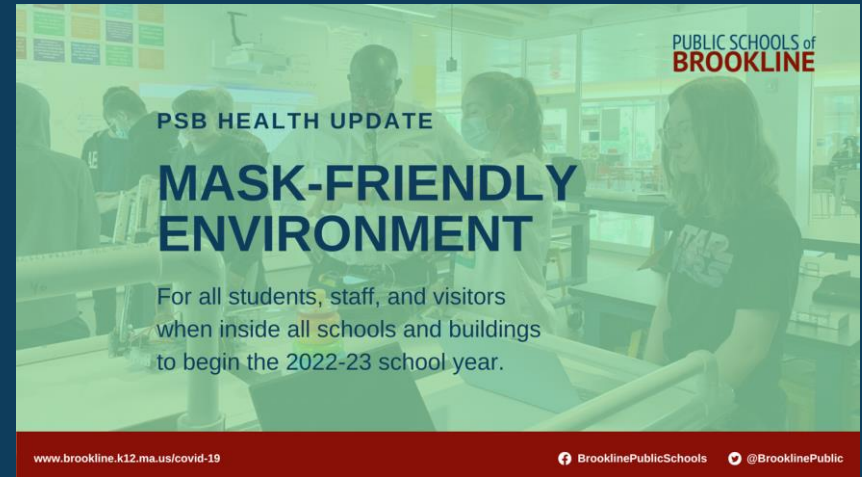


- School leaders participated in emergency preparedness and active threat training with Brookline Police Department in July
  - School leaders have secured dates for school-based training with Brookline Police Department and school staff
- PSB submitted required school-based medical emergency response plans to DESE in mid-August

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# Security Updates

- **Mask-Friendly Environment** to begin the school year. Masks remain **required** inside all health offices.
  - Masks available at PSB schools for all students, staff, and visitors.
- **Testing** available at school for **individuals who develop symptoms during the school day** (Must complete consent).
- Individuals who test positive for COVID-19 **must isolate for a minimum of 5 days.** Individuals leaving isolation must wear a high-quality mask at school, and when around others, for the next 5 days (days 6-10).



## Anticipated Health Protocols

- **Vaccines continue to be the best way to protect individuals against the effects of COVID-19.**
  - DESE and DPH strongly recommend that all faculty, staff, and students, **including children ages 6 months – 5 years**, receive the COVID-19 vaccine primary series and all boosters as they become eligible for them.
- **COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics** will continued to be held at PSB schools throughout the school year.
- **District Dashboard/Weekly Reporting** discontinued.

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COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST  
24, 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

At the **Ridley School** (345 Harvard Street)

Vaccination is free and available for anyone age **3 years or older**, regardless of insurance coverage. Scan the QR Code to sign up now!

[www.brookline.k12.ma.us/covid-19](http://www.brookline.k12.ma.us/covid-19)

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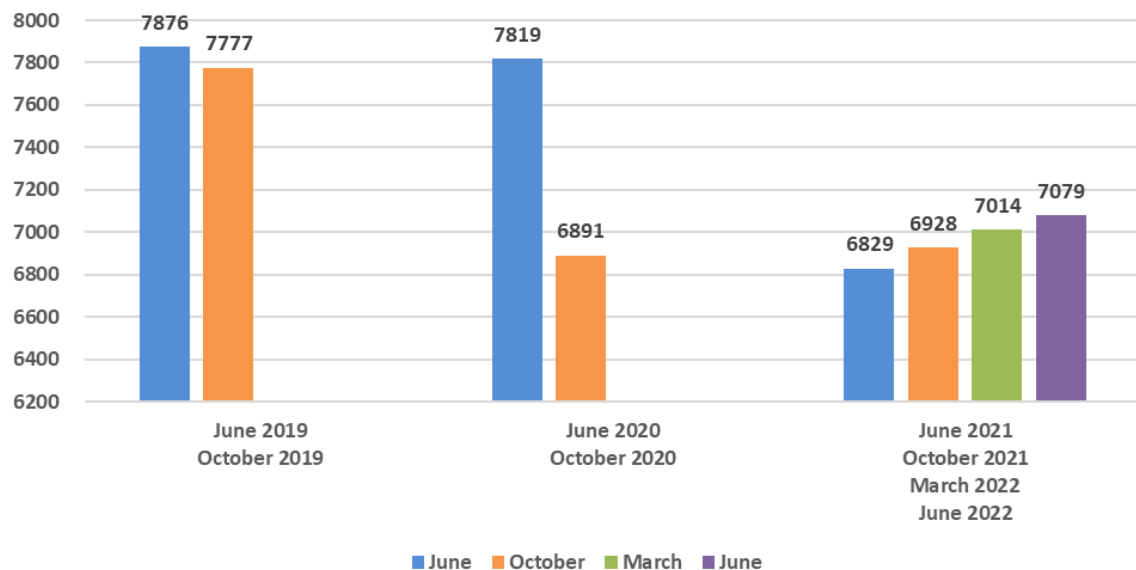


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# Enrollment Update

# PSB Enrollment Over Time

PSB Enrollment Across Reporting Periods (PK - SP)



## October 1, 2021

- 6928 students
- 4841 PK-8
- 501 K
- 2087 BHS

## June 30, 2022

- 7079 students
- 4996 PK-8
- 520 K
- 2060 BHS

# Kindergarten Registrations by 8/31

## Number of K Students Registered for Next School Year by August 31 of Kindergarten Enrollment Year

School Year	# Registered (by August 31)	# Enrolled (Oct. 1)
2018-19	624	603
2019-20	607	600
2020-21	553	488
2021-22	502	501
2022-23* (Next Sch Year)	503	--

### Kindergarten Registration

- Will always be a number of students who register and then make different decisions come Fall
- 503 K students registered as of \*August 23, 2022
  - 30 additional K students submitted applications for 2022-23 school year

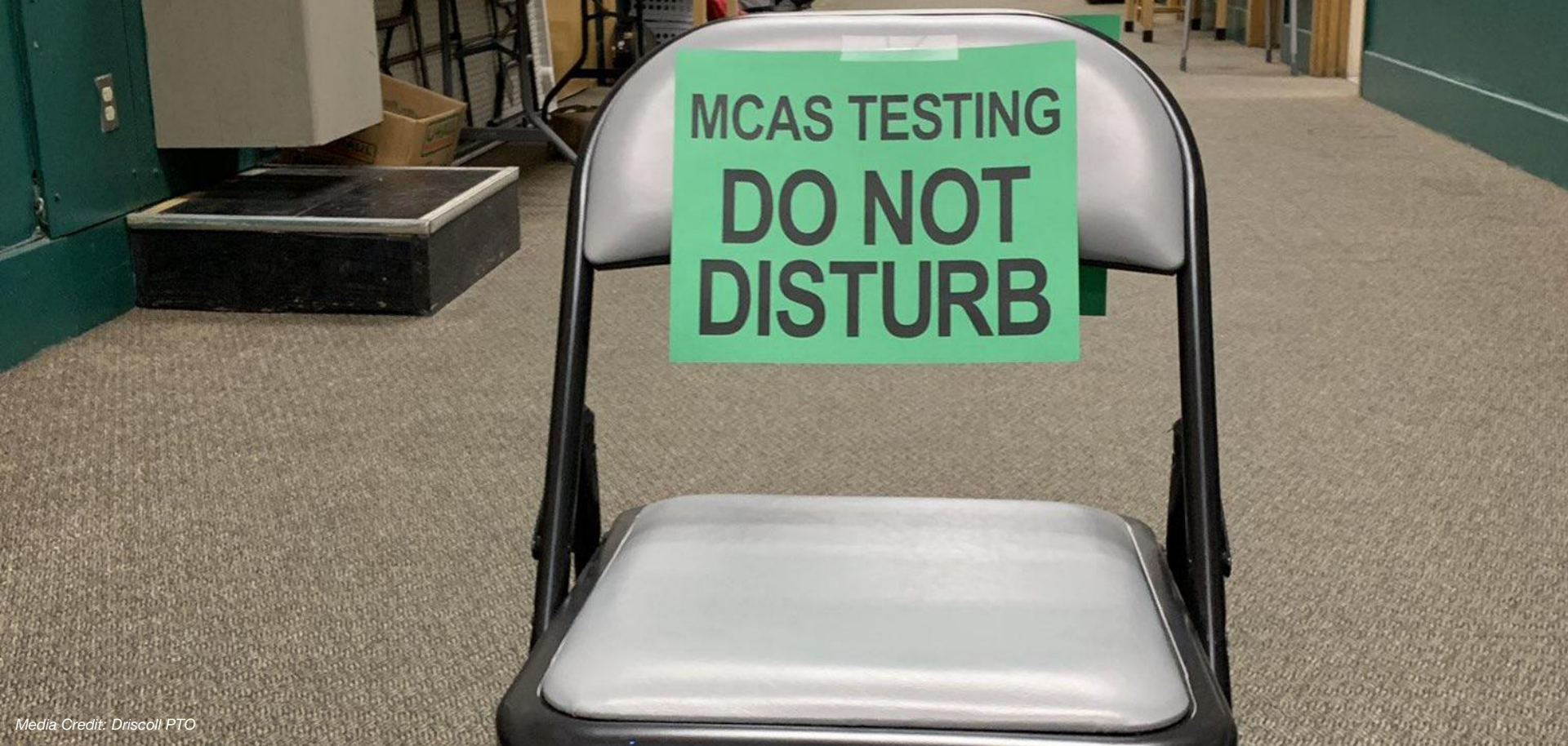
# PSB Registrations by 8/23

Grade Span	Number of Students
BEEP	258
K-8	4,605
BHS	2,087
Total*	6,950

## 2022-23 Registration Details

- 197 additional applications submitted (includes 30 K students)
- Seeing families register from:
  - China
  - Australia
  - Israel
  - South Korea
  - Japan
  - South America
- Re-enrollment: approximately 60 registered students have attended PSB *at some point* in the past

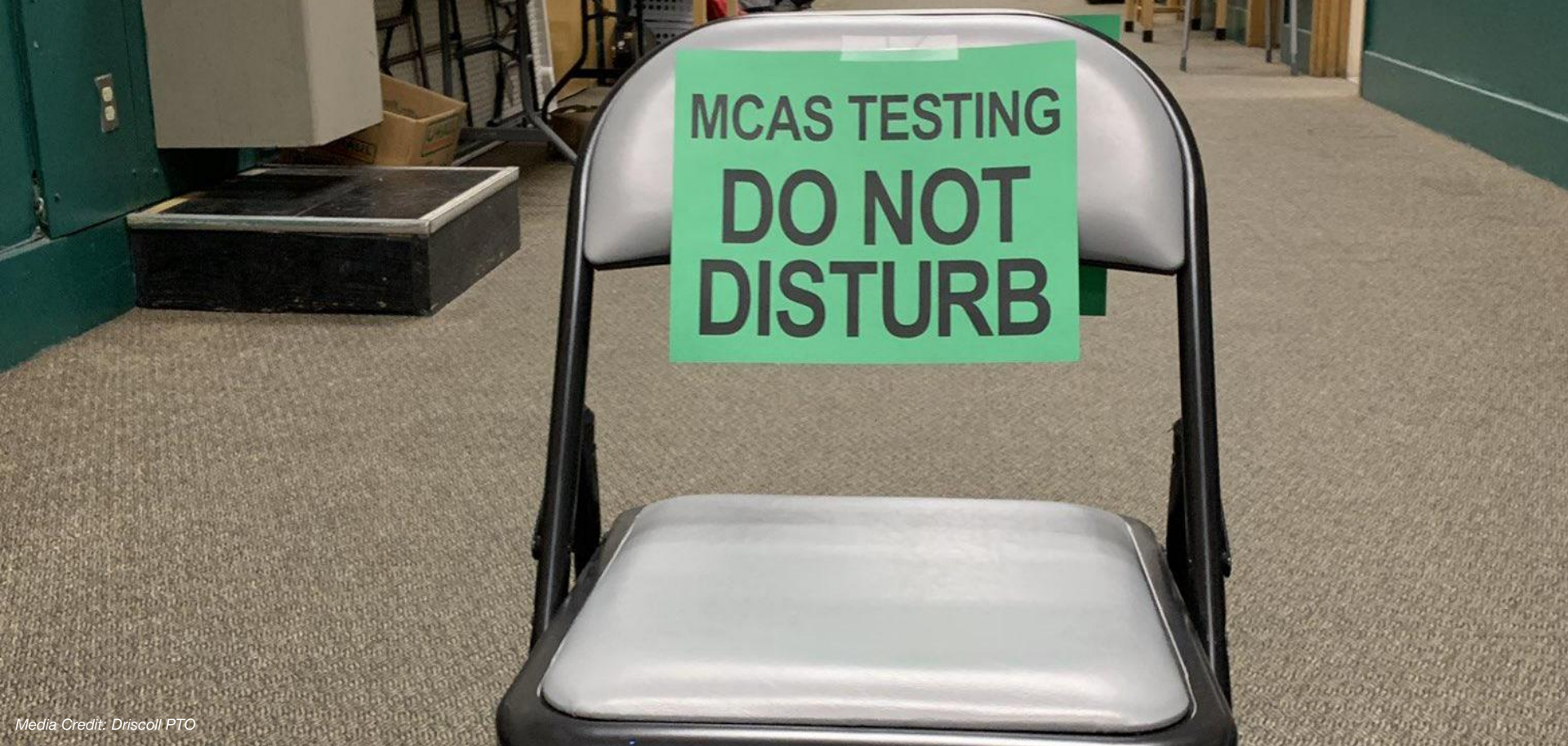
\*All numbers as of 8/23/22



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# Statewide changes to High School MCAS Requirements





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# Competency Determination Updates

# MCAS Changes (High School)

## Board of Education Vote

- New passing standard for the Competency Determination for ELA, math and science
- Beginning with Class of 2026
- Enhancements to Educational Proficiency Plan (EPP) process for students who do not meet the cut score on the ELA or math MCAS

## Rationale

- Current passing scores are equivalent to a performance level of *Not Meeting Expectations*
- High percentage of students who score *Not Meeting Expectations* are not well prepared for postsecondary success\*

\*Analysis produced by *Educational Opportunity in Massachusetts* (research-practice partnership between Brown and Harvard)

# Competency Determination Updates

	EPP Required (ELA and Math)		EPP Not Required	
	Current	Class of '26	Current	Class of '26
Subject	Legacy-equivalent cut score, EPP still required for ELA & math	Next-generation cut score, EPP still required for ELA & math	Legacy-equivalent cut score, no EPP required	Next-generation cut score, no EPP required
ELA	455	<b>470</b>	472	<b>486</b>
Math	469	<b>470</b>	486	<b>486</b>
STE (EPP not required)	TBD following standard setting Summer 2022	<b>470</b>	N/A	<b>N/A</b>

Source: DESE Board Meeting 8.15.22

Particular EPP enhancements include:

- A requirement that the school provide a student's EPP to their parents/guardians on an annual basis
- A requirement to describe the tutoring (or other individual supports) the student will receive
- Establishment of different expectations for students successful progressing in Mass Core, approved Vocational-Tech programs or Early College program

# BHS Results Spring 2021

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## ELA


### 489 test takers

- 23 students did not meet the 486 cut score (5%)
  - 20 were high needs students
- 6 students scored less than 470

## Math

### 483 test takers

- 35 students did not meet the 486 cut score (7%)
  - 31 were high needs students
- 8 students scored less than 470



**Results from last MCAS administration (Spring 2021) show that high needs students were more likely to fall below the updated cut score for passing without needing an EPP (486 scaled score)**

**Thank You!**



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