

BPS parents “cautiously optimistic” about choice of Dr. Brenda Cassellius to lead the Boston Public Schools

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Quality Education for Every Student (QUEST), a group of Boston Public School (BPS) parents, congratulates Dr. Brenda Cassellius on her selection as Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS). The local advocacy organization also expresses its hope that the selection of Dr. Cassellius will create an opening for new forms of communication, collaboration and mutual support between District leadership and key BPS stakeholders.

“We were concerned about the process leading to this decision but are cautiously optimistic about the choice of Dr. Cassellius,” said Harneen Chernow, a parent of two children in the system. “She was very clear about her thinking on issues such as high-stakes standardized testing, teacher diversity, district budgeting, exam school admissions and parent engagement. She offered a vision for education in Boston that many parents will be able to get behind.”

QUEST participated in multiple local advocacy coalitions that were active in the Superintendent search process. Some of those coalitions took public positions favoring the candidacy of Dr. Cassellius.

For Travis Marshall, also a BPS parent and QUEST member, “Public education in Boston is under pressure from all sides right now. We urgently need a Superintendent who can act as a highly-visible champion for public schools and the families who rely on them...even if that means ruffling feathers at City Hall on occasion. Like everyone, we’ll be waiting to see what Dr. Cassellius does when she arrives in Boston, but if she follows through on what she said about seeing and valuing all students in our schools, she’ll have lots of support from BPS school communities across the city.”

QUEST thanks all candidates in this process for their service to young people and for their interest in the Boston Public Schools. In addition, we express our appreciation to the parents, students, teachers, school leaders and community members who took the time to inform themselves about the candidates and to express their opinions regarding this critically important choice.