

Timeline of Home Based Student Assignment, 2012 to present

January 2012	Mayor Menino, in State of the City address, announces plans to amend school assignment with a priority to assign students to schools closer-to-home.
February 2012	External Advisory Committee (EAC) appointed.
Spring 2012 – March 2013	EAC meetings and open community meetings. Analyses by Massachusetts Area Planning Council and Harvard professor Meira Levinson. Alternate plans designed by community members and MIT graduate student Peng Shi, whose plan was ultimately the basis for the Home Based plan.
March 2013	Boston School Committee adopted recommendations of EAC and Superintendent Carol Johnson (“Home Based A” School Assignment Plan with no walk zone preference); EAC Recommendations, Section E also adopted. The plan is now framed as “Quality schools; closer to home.”
October 2013	BSC changed assignment zone for East Boston and neighboring communities.
Fall 2013	Assignment website listed Home Based baskets
January 2014	Families started applying under Home Based plan
September 2014	Students entered schools under new Home Based plan
October 2014	Powerpoint presentation to BSC titled “Update on Home Based Assignment System.” In this “preliminary analysis,” overlays for ELLs, middle school and students with special needs are unaddressed. Minimal parallel data to what was released during the EAC process. No updates regarding changes to the plan (e.g. East Boston/Charlestown) and no adjustments for equity.
October 2015	No second year analysis; no updates on changes to the plan and no adjustments for equity (non-compliance with BSC order of 3/14/14).
April 2016	Powerpoint presentation to BSC titled “Update on Home-Based Assignment Plan.” This “preliminary analysis” was produced in partnership with MIT School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative, designers of the Home Based Plan. Very limited data, also not parallel to data released during EAC process.
October 2016	No third year analysis (non-compliance with BSC order of 3/14/14).

Spring/Fall 2017	Request for Proposal (RFP) released for analysis of Home Based assignment system. No formal announcement of who was awarded the contract, though it's widely believed to be the Boston Area Research Initiative (BARI)
January 2018	As of this date, no analysis has been done (non-compliance with BSC order of 3/14/14).

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