



Dear Roger Clap Families,

The Roger Clap Community along with the Boston Public Schools (BPS) stands by its commitment as supported by the US Constitution to provide every student the right to the same free public education as their peers, no matter a student's race, ethnicity, or immigration status. BPS is also committed to ensuring that all schools are safe and welcoming places where students can learn and grow. We will continue to partner with each learner, their family, and our community to help build a school community (attending school, traveling to and from school, and participating in extracurriculars and school-sponsored events) that is safe. Please review the following BPS expectations for how our school would respond to any Federal Immigration Enforcement.

- The Clap will ***not and cannot*** require or ask students or caregivers for information regarding their immigration status or citizenship.
- BPS ***cannot share*** personally identifiable student information with law enforcement or federal immigration enforcement agencies without a court order or lawfully issued subpoena.
- Each family has the right to authorize, update and/or send a designee to drop off or pick up their child on the family's behalf, or to be contacted if a student's parent or guardian cannot be reached. Please contact the office to ***update any contact information*** so the school has the most up to date phone numbers and names.
- The school has resources available to support family access to Immigration/Legal Services, Health Care Centers, Community Centers, Housing, Childcare and Job Search. Please let your learner's teacher, Social Worker, Family Liaison or other trust Clap staff know if we can support your family.

FREE IMMIGRATION CONSULTATIONS
Ask a lawyer for advice
immigrantadvancement@boston.gov
617-635-2980

Last week there were a number of opportunities for the Clap community to share feedback, questions and concerns regarding the **proposal** to merge the Clap with the Winthrop and move into the Frederick Building for the 2026-2027 school year. In response to this feedback, review some key points about this proposal below:

- Proposal will be submitted to Jan. School Committee & Vote in Spring
- There are multiple community meetings (Zoom, In-Person, Combined) in Jan, Feb & March
- This is for the 2026-2027 School Year (18 months from now) (impacting Grade 4 students & lower)
- Improve the number of students in a walk zone of school
- Improve student access to quality building (highest BPS building score)
- Improve student access to continuum of services
- Improve student access to Cabo Verdean Kriolu language programs (dual language program)
- Improve collaboration among grade levels & address challenges of single-strand communities
- The Clap & Winthrop communities will work in partnership with Grove Hall community
Clap community members can complete the BPS survey regarding this proposal [here](#).



Upcoming Events & Reminders

- THIS WEEK → Thursday, January 23 - Popcorn Day (Volunteers needed!) - Bring \$1
- Tuesday, January 28 - School Site Council - 6pm Zoom
- Friday, January 31 - Dollar Dress Day (Inside Out & Backward Day), Birthday Celebration, & Town Hall
- Monday, February 17 - Friday, February 21: No School
- Friday, February 28 at 3pm - Clap Winter Music Concert (with Zoom option!)



In partnership,
Emma Fialka-Feldman, Principal