



BC HIGH

A Jesuit School for Boys, Grades 7-12

March 6, 2017

Ronald W. Rakow
Commissioner of Assessing
1 City Hall Square
Boston, Massachusetts 02201

Dear Commissioner Rakow:

As you know, BC High was established to provide a Catholic education for Boston residents, most of whom were immigrants. Today we are reinforcing our commitment to the City and in fact are working to strengthen that relationship in various ways.

We believe it is important to remind our community of our Boston connection and, to that end, we have conducted an analysis to quantify that contribution that I would like to share with you.

For the most recent fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, highlights of contributions to the City are as follows:

- Boston College High School has a total of 235 students enrolled who reside in Boston. This results in a direct savings to the City of Boston, as these students are not enrolled in the Boston Public School system. According to the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education Report, the City of Boston 2015 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$18,372 per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$4,300,000.
- During this past fiscal year, 147 of the 235 Boston resident students received an approximate total of \$1,700,000 of need and merit based financial aid from BC High. That means that on average, Boston students were afforded a 60% discount on tuition.
- BC High offers the use of our facilities to several City of Boston affiliated organizations throughout the year, either without charge or in some cases, for a nominal fee to cover maintenance personnel costs. During the past year, the value of the services was \$21,585. (See list attached)
- BC High employs 93 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries in excess of \$3,500,000 and benefits of \$1,100,000. In addition to providing job opportunities to Boston residents, their salaries generate economic activity for their local communities and the City of Boston.
- Between July 2015 and June 2016, the BC High students volunteered over 8,000 hours in the city of Boston through our required student volunteer programs, including our 7th and 8th Grade Service Days and our Junior Community Action program. If each student were to receive \$10 per hour for his work at these agencies, this would translate into \$80,000 worth of service to the community of Boston during this one year alone. Additionally, last year the faculty and staff of BCH participated in a service day, contributing 550 hours of service. Over the many years that these programs have been in place, BC High students have donated millions of dollars' worth of labor to some of the neediest organizations in Boston. More importantly, BC High students have touched the lives of



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thousands of Boston residents who live on the margins of our society and have inspired them by their generosity and service.

- BC High Faculty and Staff members also volunteered for over 300 hours of work in the City just last year.
- In addition to the volunteer hours noted above, BC High students also donated over 1,300 hours of volunteer work through the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program providing sandwiches and water to the homeless in Boston; and each December, over 75 BC High students participate in "Christmas in the City," a Christmas extravaganza for homeless children in the City of Boston.
- Each November the BC High community contributes to a food drive to benefit the Boston Housing Authority. This year the community provided full Thanksgiving meals to 300 Boston families.

To summarize the benefits that BC High provides to the communities of the Boston Area:

Savings to City of Boston Public Schools:	\$4,300,000
Financial Aid to Boston students:	\$1,700,000
Salaries/Benefits paid to 93 Boston Residents	\$4,600,000
Facility Rental to Boston Organizations	\$ 21,585
Service Hours provided to Boston Agencies	\$ 80,000

The School has made a steadfast commitment to stay in the City of Boston and our desire is that this decision be a benefit to Boston, rather than a burden. We are proud to be a part of the City for over 150 years. We look forward to a continued collaboration that is mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

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President

Boston College High School

BCH Facility Use FY16-City of Boston Affiliated Organizations

NAME	EVENT	DATE/FREQUENCY	HOURS	FACILITY/SERVICES	Value
Alcoholic Anonymous	Meetings	Weekly			\$ 5,850.00
Boys & Girls Club of Boston	Parking Lots	Annually- 2 weeks			\$ 2,800.00
Boston Assn for the Education of Young Children	Conference	Bi-annually	16	Commons, Cafe/ 12 classrooms video; set up	\$ 2,210.00
Boston Public Schools Nurses	Meetings	Three Times	4.5	Conference Room	\$ 2,250.00
Cristo Rey High School	Field Use	Five Times	10	Fields	\$ 1,500.00
Cristo Rey High School	McNeice Pavilion	Annually	6	Graduation Set Up	\$ 3,700.00
Dever School Field Day	Field Day	Annually	8	Fields	\$ 1,200.00
Independent Nurses Meeting	Meetings	Annually	2.5	Conference Room	\$ 1,250.00
Stepping Stone Boston	Meetings	Twice		R treat/J11 Day_Ciass	\$ 825.00

Total Value of Space \$ 21,585.00