



April 26, 2024

Mr. Nicholas P. Ariniello, Esq
Commissioner of Assessing
1 City Hall Square
Boston, MA 02201

Dear Mr. Ariniello:

As you know, Boston College High School was established to provide a Jesuit 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. This letter is in response to your letter requesting a PILOT payment. As you can see from this letter, the contributions to the City of Boston by the BC High community are substantial.

We believe it is important to remind the community of our Boston connection and, to that end, we have conducted an analysis to quantify that contribution.

For the most recent fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, highlights of contributions to the City are as follows:

- Boston College High School has a total of 308 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's 2023 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$31,883ⁱ per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$9,819,909.
- During this past fiscal year, Boston resident students received approximately \$2,848,028 of need and merit based financial aid from BC High.
- BC High employed 59 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries and benefits in excess of \$4,485,000 and \$1,099,000, respectively. Additionally, BC High also employed 33 Boston residents in substitute, coaching, and co-curricular moderator capacities during FY 23. These jobs provided in excess of \$124,000 of wages. These job opportunities and salaries provided to Boston residents generate economic activity for their local communities and the City of Boston.
- Between July 2022 and June 2023, the BC High students volunteered over 14,000 hours in the City of Boston through our required student volunteer programs, including our 7th and 8th Grade Service Days, our Junior Community Action program, and the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program, which provides supplies, snack, and water to the homeless in Boston. If each student were to receive \$15 per hour for his work at these



agencies, as this is standard minimum wage, this would translate into \$210,000 worth of service to the community of Boston during six months of in-person 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 thousands of Boston residents who live on the margins of our society and have inspired them by their generosity and service. In addition, through our Mite Box program, the BC High community has raised \$22,600 for Boston non-profit institutions.

- BC High also waived or reduced the fee for 350 hours of facility usage for many Boston-based organizations. A conservative estimate is \$20,000 of free or discounted use.

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

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| Savings to City of Boston Public Schools: | \$9,819,909 |
| Financial Aid to Boston students: | \$2,848,028 |
| Salaries/Benefits paid to Boston residents | \$5,709,486 |
| Facility rental to Boston organizations | \$ 20,000 |
| Mite Box contributions to Boston non-profits | \$ 22,600 |
| Service hours provided to Boston Agencies | \$ <u>210,000</u> |
| TOTAL FY 2023: | \$18,630,023 |

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 have been an integral part of the City for over 150 years. We look forward to our continued collaboration that is mutually beneficial.

Sincerely,

Grace Cotter Regan,
President

¹Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
<https://www.doe.mass.edu/finance/statistics/per-pupil-exp.html> Total Boston In District Expenditures for 2019-2023.

COMMUNITY BENEFITS RECAP

Please note that the deadline for Community Benefits is April 3, 2023. There are also two additional data points we would like to collect this year (see footnotes for more info). Once completed, please rename the document to reflect the name of your organization. Email an.excel and BDE version to PILOTprogram@boston.gov.

INSTITUTION NAME:

Boston College High School

FINANCIAL YEAR: 2023 (FY24 still in progress)

| Program Name | Brief Program Description | Amount (\$) | Cash, In-Kind, or Both ¹ | 1-time or Ongoing ² | Who is Served ³ | Program Initiator ⁴ | City-wide or Neighborhoods Served ⁵ | Community Benefit Category ⁶ | Partners |
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| Workforce employment | BC High employed 59 Boston residents as members of the faculty and staff, providing salaries in excess of \$4,485,000 and benefits of \$1,099,000. Additionally, BC High also employed 36 Boston residents in substitute, coaching, and co-curricular moderator capacities during FY 23. These jobs provided in excess of \$124,000 of wages. These job opportunities and salaries provided to Boston residents generate economic activity for their local communities and the City of Boston. | \$5,709,486 | cash | ongoing | Boston residents | Boston College High School | City-wide | Employment | |
| St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program | Student and staff volunteers donated over 400 hours of time to provide supplies, snacks, and water to the unhoused in Boston. | \$0 | In-kind | ongoing | Boston's unhoused population | Boston College High School | City-wide | Good Neighbor Activity | |
| Financial Aid to Boston Students | merit and need-based aid for Boston students enrolled at the School | \$2,848,028 | cash | ongoing | Boston residents | Boston College High School | City-wide | Education | |
| Service Days and Community Action Programs | Between July 2022 and June 2023, the BC High students volunteered over 14,000 hours in the City of Boston through our required student volunteer programs, including our 7th and 8th Grade Service Days, our Junior Community Action program, and the St. Louis Homeless Outreach Program, which provides supplies, snack, and water to the homeless in Boston. If each student were to receive \$15 per hour for his work at these agencies, as this is standard minimum wage, this would translate into \$210,000 worth of service to the community of Boston during six months of in-person 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 thousands of Boston residents who live on the margins of our society and have inspired them by their generosity and service. In addition, each year through our Mite Box program, the BC High community has raised \$22,600 for Boston non-profit institutions. | \$210,000 | In-kind | ongoing | Boston's businesses | Boston College High School | City-wide | Good Neighbor Activity | |
| Mite Box | The BC High community raises money for selected not-for-profits on a weekly basis. Cash donations are made by students and employees alike. | \$22,600 | Cash | ongoing | Boston non-profit institutions | Boston College High School | City-wide | Direct Monetary Support to City of Boston Programs | |
| Facility rentals to Boston organizations | BC High waived or reduced the fee for 416 hours of facility usage for many Boston-based organizations. A conservative estimate is \$20,000 of free or discounted use. | \$20,000 | Cash | ongoing | Boston | Boston College High School | City-wide | Good Neighbor Activity | |
| Savings to Boston City Public Schools | Boston College High School has a total of 308 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's FY 2023 Total Expenditure per Pupil was calculated at \$3,1683 per student. Therefore, having these students enrolled at BC High instead of Boston Public Schools is a direct savings to the City of approximately \$9,819,909. | \$9,819,909 | In-kind | ongoing | Boston | Boston College High School | City-wide | Education | |
| Total | | \$18,630,023 | | | | | | | |