At long last, the Morton/Gallivan rehab is ready for a go; next Monday’s the day

By KEVIN PERRINGTON-TURNER

About 70 people gathered at a Mattapan public meeting on Monday to get an overview of a now-imminent public works project aimed at improving safety and flow at the notoriously dangerous intersection of Morton Street and Gallivan Boulevard.

Construction on the $3.5 million project that has been in the planning phase for several years is scheduled to start next Monday (May 20) and be completed by June of next year.

“At the end of the day, we have $3.5 million that is being spent by the state to make our most dangerous intersection safe,” said state Rep. Daniel R. Cullinane, in addressing residents who had gathered for the briefing inside the Harbor Health Services facility on Morton Street.

Officials from MassDOT — the state agency that will oversee the project — gave a Powerpoint presentation, followed by questions and answers.

The project’s planners goal was to improve safety at the hazardous crossing. The results: A new traffic signal controlling traffic at the site; exclusive left turn lanes and a protected turning phase along Route 203 at the West Selden intersection; rebuilt sidewalks; and new bike lanes between West Selden and Gallivan Boulevard.

Additionally, officials said, residents can expect to have MBTA bus stop schedules revised over the next three months.

Exhibition at Dot Art Project called ‘the epicenter of queer Vietnamese art’

By DANIEL SHEEBAH

The Vanguard Retrospective Exhibition, currently on display at the Dorchester Art Project, is what co-founder and Fields Corner resident Khanh “Aiden” Nguyen considers to be “the epicenter of queer Vietnamese art.”

Nguyen, who was born in Vietnam but moved to Dorchester at the age of four, started “Vanguard,” an underground art and literary zine, in 2014 along with Worcester-based photographer Thanh “Nu” Mai.

Since then, Nguyen has curated four editions of the magazine, which showcases artwork from LGBTQ Vietnamese artists based around the world. This coming Saturday night (May 18), the duo will premiere the fifth edition at the closing ceremony of the exhibition, which begins at 3 p.m.

Nguyen told the Reporter the roots of the project grew from a simple search for kinship.

“It was pretty much about a journey to find community,” he said. “I think living in Dorchester, and even later in New York, I was not able to connect with a lot.”

New report details how gentrification parallels shifts in city neighborhoods

By JENNIFER SMITH

While every one of the 147 cities and towns that make up Greater Boston has seen a spike in the last generation, a new report uncovered certain population shifts within Boston neighborhoods that likely mirror the routes that gentrification has taken.

The report, “The Changing Faces of Greater Boston,” examined demographic change in Massachusetts from 1990 to 2017. Its authors, a team composed of researchers from the Boston Foundation and UMass Boston, analyzed data from US Census outlays and the American Community Survey to fill in local character through interviews in villages like Fields Corner in Dorchester.

With respect to Boston, the report found the minority-majority city was 44 percent white in 2017, down from 59 percent white in 1990.

African Americans make up 23.1 percent of the city while Latinos have jumped from roughly 11 percent to 20 percent over the past two decades. Asian Americans rose from 5.2 percent to 9.4 percent in that same time frame while Native Americans remained at about 0.2 percent of the city’s population.

“A cluster of core neighborhoods extending from the roots of Jamaica Plain and South Boston begin to the city as a whole, and intervention funds are being used in the city neighborhoods paralleling shifts in the city neighborhoods,” the report read.

City Councillor Andrea Campbell seeks details on funds for violence prevention

By JENNIFER SMITH

As Boston Police districts in Dorchester and South Boston begin training with new body cameras, efforts to address spikes in violence and the resulting long-term trauma are ongoing at the city and local level.

City Council President Andrea Campbell is calling for a hearing on how violence prevention and intervention funds are being used in the city and local level.

“Obviously with the uptick in incidents of violence in my district, in the city as a whole, and in certain communities, one way to respond is to ensure that we have adequate city resources going towards violence prevention and intervention,” Campbell told the Reporter.

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National Guard commander will keynote Dorchester’s Memorial Day observance

Brig. Gen. John J. Driscoll, commander of the Massachusetts Army National Guard, will be the featured speaker at Dorchester’s Memorial Day observance on Mon., May 27.

The events begin with a procession of veterans and their families, with Brig. Gen. John P. McKeon Post on Hilltop St. leading the way around 9:30 a.m., including a salute and wreath-laying at the Grand Army of the Republic’s Dorchester Post No. 19.

Gen. Driscoll, at right, who was deployed to support Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield in 1990s, was born in Boston and raised in Melrose, graduating from Pope John HS in Everett and Northeastern University.

He rewards the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, among other awards. On May 19, 2019, he gave the keynote address at the Dorchester Historical Society annual meeting at the Edward M. Kennedy Institute for the U.S. Senate on Columbia Point.

Sherry Penney is dead at 81; longtime UMass Boston leader

Dr. Sherry Penney, at right, who led UMass Boston as its longest-serving chancellor from 1988-2000, died last Friday along with her husband in what is believed to have been an accidental carbon monoxide poisoning in their home. Dr. Penney was 81.

Dr. Penney was the founder of the Boston campus’s Center for Collaborative Leadership and served as its director from 2008 to 2011.

The event commemorated the 25th anniversary of the organization, which was founded in 1994 to help reverse the tide of deforestation in the Amazon.

Armenian group plants Dot Park trees

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Tomato of Mattapan died March 8 in Florida from apparent gunshot wounds. According to police, the 43-year-old man was involved in a shooting on the East Boston waterfront.

A search of the vehicle also yielded a valid driver’s license.

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The event will be conducted in Haitian Creole with American Sign Language services provided. Mattapan has the third largest Haitian population in the country and we want to hear from you and your neighbors on Haitian Creole services provided. This is one of many opportunities for the Haitian community to be involved in the PLAN: Mattapan process. The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the Perkins Community Center, 155 Talbot Ave., Dorchester. Doors open for registration at noon.

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By Chris Linske
State House News Service
The cost to replace all outdated maintenance infrastructure across the MBTA system with modern alternatives is estimated at $2.8 billion more than the previous state-of-good-repair price estimate, officials said this week.

In 2015, the cost of addressing the entire maintenance backlog was put at some $7.3 billion, and officials have cited that figure since. But an assessment unveiled Monday, using new data about inventory and conditions collected over the past year raised the total modernization and replacement price tag to $10.1 billion.

The new figure is “fundamentally different,” General Manager Steve Poftak said, because the data—which the MBTA had been required to collect following a Federal Transit Authority rule change—relies on different inventory counts and condition ratings than the past report.

Samantha Silverberg, the MBTA’s acting Director for Capital Planning, described the new estimate as a “fundamental reset” in how the authority thinks about its long-term needs, and MBTA officials during a briefing said that they do not believe the two estimates can be subjected to an “apples-to-apples” comparison.

“This allows us to capture a much more realistic view of what the costs are to the MBTA to address capital needs in a real way and not in a much more imprecise like-for-like way, which was some of the thinking around 2015,” Poftak said. “The current version is a much more accurate, precise and realistic assessment of the MBTA.”

Officials based the new estimate on inventory data they gathered last year to submit to the FTA. Meeting the federal requirements helped produce a detailed list of every MBTA asset, and officials used that information and fresher condition ratings to project out all capital needs across the system.

The $10.1 billion figure is “This lower just an estimate of what it will cost to bring the system into a real good repair,” Poftak said. The new framework will help the agency think about what needs to be done to bring the system into a state of good repair by 2022, the target date set by the FTA.

Poftak said the MBTA is still on pace to bring the entire system to a state of good repair by 2022, the target date set by the FTA. The new estimate builds on the MBTA’s long-term needs assessment, but only one in three are in need of replacement under the new definition used in the latest report.

The $10.1 billion total is a “point-in-time” placeholder assessment, scheduled or under way. Every modernization project in the current five-year capital investment plan—including station reconstructions and purchase of new buses—is completed on time, the target date set by the FTA. Using new metrics also showed some improvements, officials said. Almost three-quarters of all passenger vehicles rated as out of state of good repair in the 2015 assessment, but only one in three are in need of replacement under the new definition used in the latest report.

Baker, Walsh to talk policy in tandem in DC

By Matt Murphy
State House News Service
Four months after Boston Mayor Marty Walsh teased a “road trip” to Washington with the governor, he and Charlie Baker headed to DC this week to discuss strategies for fighting climate change.

On Thursday, Walsh and Baker were to participate in a morning panel discussion hosted by Mike Allen of Axios about the opportunities and challenges surrounding transportation infrastructure and how cities and states are confronting the issue. That afternoon the duo will also meet with Delaware Sen. Tom Carper, a Democrat representing member of the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee, followed by a sitdown with the Massachusetts Congressional delegation.

The trip comes after House Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer recently met with President Trump to revive discussions about possibly working together on a $2 trillion national infrastructure package.

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According to the officials, lane closures will be necessary during parts of the project. But the restrictions will not be in place during the morning or evening rush hours (6 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.). One travel lane in each direction will be left open at all times, officials said, adding that work hours will mainly be confined to the period between 7 a.m. and 4 p.m. with some utility work done at night.

“I think this project needed to happen,” said Linda Cabral, aMattapan resident who attended the meeting. “Those in this community go through that intersection all the time and it’s very hard to determine what incoming traffic is doing.”

Sonya Huggins, who lives on Gallivan Boulevard, said that she and her neighbors have been asking for safety improvements to the perilous crossroads for two decades. “We’ll be outside in our yards talking and we’ll see the cars speeding and we cringe,” said Huggins, who said she has personally seen accidents, and pedestrians being struck. She and other residents said they also want to see better enforcement of the speed limit along the stretch of road.

Police officials at the meeting took some questions from attendees and told residents that any double parking or speeding will not be tolerated. MassDOT officials told the gathering that Donny Dailey, of the agency’s government and community affairs office, can be reached for questions about the project at 617-945-4272 or at Donny.Dailey2@dot.state.ma.us. Another contact, Kethia Nazaire Allen, of the office of community engagement, can be reached at 857-368-9019 or at Kethia.Allen@state.ma.us.

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The officers and members of Boston Gas Local 12003 United Steelworkers want to thank the labor movement, our elected officials and the citizens of the Commonwealth for helping to end the National Grid lockout. We also wish to congratulate the workers of Stop & Shop on their recent victory.
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(Continued from page 1) of LGBTQ Vietnamese folks, I said, ‘My life is like, I’ve either got to find a community or build one.’

That artistic community, which Nguyen formed through social media and trips to Vietnam, extends across the globe; the Fields Corner exhibition features artwork that has been shipped and collected from places as far away as California, Vietnam, and Italy. Nguyen explained that the zine, which becomes hard to hold and less expensive to produce in a “very open” submission process, provides a free creative outlet for Vietnamese artists in particular, whose work is often censored by their country’s government.

“My perception of art is, it’s very inaccessible,” he said. “People felt like they needed to have money to make art or they needed to have some sort of resource. And actually, in Vietnam, the last thing all published art goes through censorship... then it’s just very kind of disrupts that.”

An unrestricted, unensored format lets artists publish bold or censored format lets them to be themselves, to be free from censorship, explained Mai. “When I see the naked bodies in our zine, it means freedom.”

The art featured in the exhibition is also remarkable. On one wall, colorful manga-style sketches draw with psychedelic watercolors and Pokemon stickers. In another corner, more traditional Vietnamese paintings hang before a black background. And in a separate room, patrons find an immersive art experience, one in which they can sit inside a tent of mosquito netting and listen to Trojan find an immersive experience, one in which they can sit inside a tent of mosquito netting and listen to

As in many parts of the world, LGBTQights are limited but growing. Merly is expanding in Vietnam, where it was illegal for gay couples to live together until 2000. Moreover, many queer Vietnamese-Americans still struggle to be accepted by society and their families. As such, Vanguard’s core purpose has remained simple—to provide a safe platform for LGBTQ artists.

“I think for Vanguard it’s very much about just being queer in Dorchester... with this exhibition, I’m bringing the community to them, to say yes, you can be queer and Vietnamese, and if you feel like you have to be gay, lesbian, or queer. It’s just about finding our own community and doing things as our own group.”

Vanguard Retro
Exposition closing and fifth zine edition release party will take place this Saturday, May 18, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Dorchester Art Project at 1468 Dorchester Ave. The event is free and open to the public. Artwork and copies of zines will be available for purchase, the zine shop, and online at vanguardnh.com.

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By DANIEL SHEEHAN
REPORER’S STAFF

The statewide non-profit organization Massachusetts Preservation Alliance named the Lemuel Clap House a historic site of Dorchester Historical Society (DHS) with an award last week for its restoration of the William Clapp and Lemuel Clap houses, a process that began in 2015 and was completed last year.

The preserved William Clapp house, originally built in 1866, serves as the Society’s headquarters on Boston Street, while the 17th century-era Lemuel Clap house serves as a house museum at the site. The Society’s property is also home to a mid-19th century and late 19th century carriage house, which contains a number of historic agricultural and carpentry tools and implements.

Last year, a team of Society members and volunteers finished a three-year-long restoration project that included restoring the exterior of each building, applying fresh coats of historically accurate paint, and repairing fences.

DHS President Earl Taylor said that while the award is secondary to the work itself, he appreciated the gesture on behalf of Massachusetts Preservation.

“We definitely appreciate the award because it recognizes the whole act of planning, raising money, and overseeing the work, and it’s nice to be recognized for that,” said Taylor. “The goal of course was not to get an award but to get the project completed, but we’re happy to be acknowledged for our work.”

Dorchester’s own Bob and Mary Scannell were the guests of honor at last Friday’s Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps’ Embracing the Legacy event at Dorchester’s JFK Presidential Library and Museum. The event celebrated the organization’s 50th year of service and those whose extraordinary actions reflect the social values and hopes of the late Senator by combatting societal injustice and inequality. Congressman Joe Kennedy is an organization board member and an event co-chair. The Scannells were honored for their long-term commitment to children and families through the Boys & Girls Clubs.

Pictured above: (l-r)John Boyle, Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps board member; Susan Warnick, Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps board member; Jim Geraghty, Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps board member; honoree Robert Lewis, Jr., founder and president; The BANE, honoree Darrell Crane, founder and managing principal, EASTERLY Capital; Congressman Joseph Kennedy III; Mary Kinsella Scannell, Vice President of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Dorchester; Robert A. Scannell, Jr., President and CEO of the Boys & Girls Club of Dorchester, and Edward F. Kelley, Chief Executive Officer, Robert F. Kennedy Children’s Action Corps.

Outkast Electrical joins ranks of IBEW Local 103

Outkast Electrical Co., a 35-employee, Dorchester-based company, has joined IBEW Local 103. The partnership brings a well-recognized, minority-owned business into the Dorchester-based union.

Founded and operated by cousins Paul Gray, president, and Kevin Scarlett, vice president, Outkast Electrical has been serving communities across Boston and beyond for 22 years.

“When my cousin and I started Outkast Electrical Contractors in 1996, it was just the two of us working on small residential projects,” said Gray. “Today, we run a 35-person shop, and service some of the city’s largest commercial and residential projects, because we get the job done right every time — end of story. We’re thrilled to share our values and partner with Local 103. We see it as the logical next step in our company’s evolution.”

Outkast’s addition of 35 new union members will represent a substantial organizing advancement for Local 103, which recently was honored at the national IBEW Membership Development Conference for its successful organizing efforts, which have earned the local the title of “Fastest-growing IBEW Local Union.”

From left, IBEW Local 103 Business Manager Lou Antonellis, Outkast Vice President Kevin Scarlett, Outkast President Paul Gray, and IBEW Local 103 Business Agent Kevin Monahan.

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The Lemuel Clap house on Boston Street.

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James Muldoon to the play by play from Fenway Park. In his later years, James, with his shock of thick white hair, could often be seen walking down Washington Street in Codman Square or picking up the bus in front of the Girls’ Latin school.

In October 1960, six months shy of his 70th birthday, James passed away of a heart attack, missing by a month the election of John F. Kennedy, the first Irish Catholic president of the United States. The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at dorchesterhistoricalsociety.org and the society’s historical database is open on the third Sunday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661); Lemuel Clap House, 193 Boston Street (1712 and remodeled 1705); William Clapp House, 196 Boston Street (1806).
Project D.E.E.P builds pride of community

For 23 years and counting, they have helped kids and teens get ready for entrance exams and offered extra help on tough homework assignments. They’re helping kids and teens get the skills they need to succeed in their neighborhood’s elite private school admissions offices. They’ve offered free summer camps to hard-working kids and teens who earn scholarship spots by pitching in on community service projects.

The Dorchester Education and Enrichment Program — or D.E.E.P. — has done all of these things and more because it’s part of its mission. In the process, the program has done even more: It has transformed the lives of some of its participants, who have gone on to another one and to their home neighborhood.

On Monday, the group gathered its latest crop of all-stars for its annual Recognition Night at Florian Hall, which has been a rite of spring since 1996, a way of saluting the young men and women—most of them in high school—who devote several hours of their week to helping younger kids from their neighborhood improve their schoolwork.

There are many ways to measure the success of such a program, of course. Project D.E.E.P. now counts more than 240 students in its annual exam prep program. Eighty-five percent of the kids enrolled see an increase in their test scores. A full 80 percent were also able to gain entrance to one of the city’s exam schools.

But, as Brendan McDonough, who founded the program in the mid-1990s, said on Monday, “This program is all about community service. We have always said that we will judge ourselves as how many young people can we bring from our community.”

Over the years, Project D.E.E.P. has added several categories of awards to the program, each named for a man or woman of distinction from our community.

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Next week’s Deadline: Monday, May 20 at 4 p.m.

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New report details how gentrification parallels shifts in city neighborhoods

(Continued from page 1) Downtown through the South End and into Mission Hill and Jamaica Plain have seen a decline in pockets of color, the report notes. “This very likely is a result of an influx of young white professionals that parallels the gentrification and displacement of communities of color.”

Some census tracts along that route have seen non-white populations drop by upwards of 10 percent. The Boston area just southeast of Northeastern University and Wentworth Institute of Technology lost 32.1 percentage points in non-white residents in 2017.

As of two years ago, that swing, for the most part, had not made significant inroads into Dorchester. Population estimates for most of Dorchester and Mattapan show all but four census tracts were still majority non-white in 2017, with several tracts abutting Franklin Village each gaining more than 95 percent non-white and mostly black and Hispanic.

These were the tracts that showed the smallest gains or slight decreases in non-white residents over the 28-year period with a rise and fall of less than 2 percent, according to the report.

Along the Red Line corridor from JFK/UMass to Ashmont and down the Mattapan Trolley road, almost every census tract showed gains in non-white residents by 12.7 percent, rising as high as 46.5 percent in the census tract centered off Freeport Street and bounded by Clam Point and Fields Corner.

The area of Neponset around Gallivan Boulevard comprised only 10 percent non-white residents in 2017, but even that 4,000 or so resident tract was up about 6.8 percent in non-white populations from 1990, with small gains in the number of Black, Asian, and Hispanic residents in an area that was once almost 97 percent white.

Two zones that have seen swings in racial makeup, or where residents feel on the cusp of displacement, are highlighted in the report. One is the city of Quincy and the other is Fields Corner.

More than 90 percent of the region’s net population growth since 1990 has come from new immigrants, the report shows. More than two-thirds of Asian Americans in Greater Boston were foreign-born as of 2017, and the black foreign-born share jumped from 21 percent in 1990 to 38 percent since 1990.

Most of the Vietnamese residents of Fields Corner – their country’s organ accounts for about 75 percent of Dorchester’s Asian-American population – began arriving in 1975 as refugees of the Vietnam War. Their numbers grew slowly over the next decade, with many early arrivals struggling with language adjustment, low income levels, and a lack of social supports, the report notes.

Now Asian Americans and white residents make up roughly equal portions of the local population, about a third in the dominant Fields Corner census tracts where Vietnamese cultural institutions have become staples of the neighborhood.

“Essential to the integration process was an increase in self-advocacy and civic involvement on the part of Vietnamese Americans,” the report said. It highlights the founding of Vietnamese American Initiative for Development (VietAID) community development organization in 1994 as “a particularly important milestone for the Vietnamese community in Dorchester.”

That community still has disproportionately low income and educational attainment levels compared with the Greater Boston average, the report notes. “English proficiency is also a challenge, particularly for Vietnamese American seniors in Boston of whom 15 percent spoke English ‘not well’ or ‘not at all’ as of 2015.

In this context, development pressures feel like an incursion on a cultural center, according to the report, which noted that for many Vietnamese Americans, particularly new immigrants and the elderly who are less proficient in English, living in an ethnic enclave is more than just a comfort; it is crucial to accessing needed services.”

The Red Line corridor stretches through a still underdeveloped swath of the neighborhood and the city is reviewing draft recommendations now for a planning area that stretches roughly from the Fields Corner and Savin Hill Stations along Dorchester Avenue. Home prices in the last five years, while Boston as a whole saw a rise of 51 percent, Dorchester residents access to the right mortgage for their individual financial situation. If you’re in the market for any type of mortgage, whether fixed or adjustable, first-time home buyers or refinancing, come visit us. We’re in your neighborhood.

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“The Asian American community has grown and become well established in Dorchester alongside other racial groups,” the report said. “The future sustainability and well-being of this community, like that of other communities of color in Boston, however, remain uncertain.”

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Franklin Park hosts its 50th Kite and Bike Festival on Saturday
Fun begins at 11

By Jasmine Braswell
Special to the Reporter

Franklin Park will host its annual Bike and Kite Festival this Saturday (May 18) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Boston tradition, which has grown to attract crowds of more than 1,000 people to the Playstead Field where they can enjoy picnicking, kite flying, bicycling and activities for all ages.

“Back in the 70’s I remember my brother Daud teaching us how to fly a kite,” said Debbie Washington, who grew up in Boston. “It was myself and his two children, so excited about the technique and the art of flying. Those were the days of our lives!”

This year, the event boasts more than 20 community partners, food vendors, and opportunities to buy a kite. After-school programs from Lena Park Community Development Corporation’s Fablab will have handmade kites for students in the program on display. Attendees will enjoy active games from Playworks New England, park walks with Appalachian Mountain Club’s Outdoors Rx, and a special BPS countdown to Kindergarten biking/walking track for ages 5 and under.

Attendees are encouraged to bike to the event in the park and join “Ride and Kids” for a family friendly group ride and scavenger hunt beginning in Dudley Square at 10 a.m. See roxburyway.com/events to sign up.

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Light refreshments will be served

For additional info please contact marykathy@jackconway.com
said a first Constructing Peaceful Communities workshop was planned for this Friday (May 17). It will focus on addressing incidents of violence from "prevention, intervention, enforcement, and re-entry" standpoints through dedicated teams.

The workshop will run from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the Mattapan Teen Center on Hazelnut Street.

"It’s a space that we will frequently create for our residents to come together to talk about how they’re feeling with respect to these incidents of violence," Campbell said, "but then to roll up our sleeves as a community and say, ‘Okay, now what are we going to do about it?’"
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It looks like Chinatown's high school has finally found itself a new home

By MAureen LARX

After a decades-long search, the Josiah Quincy Upper School in Boston’s Chinatown neighborhood has found a permanent site.

In an op-ed in the Boston Globe, Chinese-American Architectural Review Board Chair and former BPS School Committee member, Oskar Li, praised the recent move of the school to the site of the former Don Bosco High School in the Dorchester neighborhood.

Li noted that the move was part of a larger effort to address the shortage of available school space in Boston, which has been exacerbated by the pandemic and the increasing demand for public education.

"Boston is the largest city in the United States with the lowest percentage of high school students enrolled in public schools," said Li. "This move is a step in the right direction for ensuring that our students have access to the education they need to succeed."
METCO moving to online lottery for enrollments in the program — New deal to phase in over two years

An online lottery system will replace the current “first-come, first-served” enrollment protocol for the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) program. The plan, which was approved on April 30 by the state’s Education Department, will modernize the paper-based system over the next two years.

The METCO program, founded in 1966, places children from Boston into racially isolated schools in nearby suburbs to increase diversity. Program officials currently work with 3,300 students annually who are enrolled in 186 public schools in 33 suburban school districts.

More than 15,000 students seek one of the approximately 300 available seats per year and many families put their children’s names on the METCO wait list at birth. “Families have told us how stressful the current system is,” said METCO CEO Milly Arbaje-Thomas. “The METCO community is ready and eager to support our historic legacy with 21st-century operations.” You can view the complete METCO revised application process at metcoinc.org/new-application-system.

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