

# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS



## TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT

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TO: Headmasters, Principals, Administrators  
of Private and Parochial Schools

FROM: Michael Hughes, Director of Transportation *MH*

RE: Transportation Services

DATE: August 16, 2010

Attached is a copy of a letter that Boston Public Schools is sending this week to families of students who have requested transportation services, but who do not reside in the same BPS zone as their school. BPS cannot provide transportation for students who attend a private or parochial school outside their residential zone. This aligns our parochial and private school transportation services with those we provide to the general BPS student population.

As you know, Boston Public Schools will provide transportation services to students who attend approved Private/Parochial Schools located in the City of Boston according to Massachusetts law and criteria established by the Boston Public Schools. School bus service is provided to eligible students enrolled in kindergarten through grade 5 (kindergarten students must be five years of age on or before September 1, 2010) if they live more than one mile from their school and within the BPS school zone. Eligible students in grade six through 12 are provided with MBTA passes.

For more information on the BPS zones, please visit <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/assignment>. If you have additional inquiries, please contact Michael Chau, Assistant Director of Transportation at 617-635-9520, or email [mchau@boston.k12.ma.us](mailto:mchau@boston.k12.ma.us).

Thank you for your cooperation in this process.

Enclosure  
cc: Dr. Carol Johnson  
Michael Hughes

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

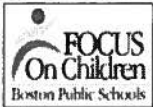
As you may know, Massachusetts state law requires Boston Public Schools to provide transportation services to private or parochial school students at the same level of service that BPS students receive. This means that we offer school bus service to private and parochial school students when their schools are located in the same BPS zone in which they reside.

The information that your child's school has provided to the BPS Transportation Department indicates that your residence is not in the same BPS zone as your child's school. This means that your son/daughter is not eligible to receive transportation services for the upcoming 2010-2011 school year. For more information on the BPS zones, please visit <http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/assignment>. If you believe this information is in error, please contact your school as soon as possible.

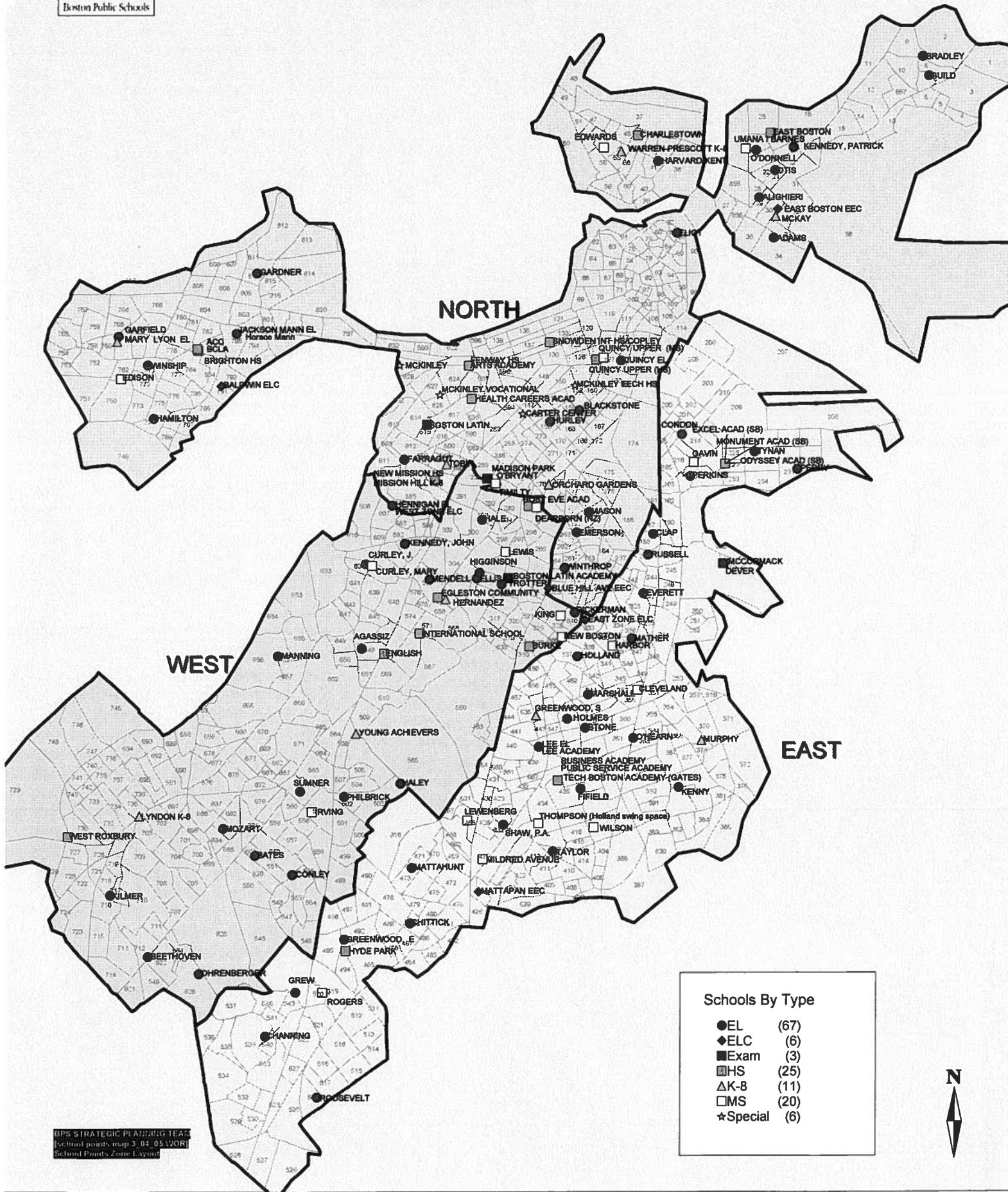
BPS has made a few exceptions to this rule in the past, but ongoing statewide budget challenges make it impossible to continue to do so. We understand that this may cause difficulty for you and your family, and we sincerely apologize for this necessary change.

Thank you for your understanding,

Michael Hughes  
Director of Transportation  
Boston Public Schools



# BOSTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL POINTS MAP - SY04-05 With Geocodes



**Schools By Type**

●	EL	(67)
◆	ELC	(6)
■	Exam	(3)
□	HS	(25)
△	K-8	(11)
□	MS	(20)
★	Special	(6)

