Memorandum

To: Albert G. Ganem Jr., Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: Cinthia D. Sykes, Principal, Boylston Elementary School
Date: January 8, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

BES Highlights-January, 2025

1. **Academic Highlights**
    a. *Math on the Move:* This is the year of math and math is everywhere! BES families tackled fun math problems with their students that were posted along last week's drop-off route. As cars/trucks pulled up, staff greeted students and received a thumbs up if their answers were greater than 10, or a wave if they were less than 10. Two fabulous fourth-graders tallied the results, and a terrific third-grader turned the data into a bar graph. It was such a fun family hit that everyone wanted more, so we brought it to bus riders and walkers, too! Then we repeated it this week. This BES team effort spilled into the classrooms for even more math extensions, and we plan to keep it going each week. If families miss the math on the move activities, we add it to the weekly parent bulletin so they can solve the math problems at home.

    b. Using an original mindset in planning around our WINN block, the 4th grade team found a way to gather more adult support and invited 4th grade parents to run small groups that they plan and oversee. This allows parents to see what we are working on, while gathering more small group support.

    c. The Mid-Year Benchmark AIMsweb testing is currently being conducted by an amazing team of testers from both BES and BMS, led by our Math Coach, Joey Flournoy.

Our mission at Boylston Elementary School is to support and challenge all students to achieve personal and academic excellence in a student-centered environment.