Memorandum

To: Albert Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: Cindy Sykes, Principal, Boylston Elementary School
Date: April 8, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

BES Highlights:
-Last week, our amazing third-grade students took the ELA MCAS for the first time! To show our support, the BEC community came together for a special pep rally, cheering them on as they walked through the halls. Students created colorful signs and posters filled with words of encouragement, making sure their classmates felt confident and ready. It was a fantastic display of school spirit and support, and we are so proud of our third graders for their hard work and perseverance! BES plans to do the same celebration for 4th and 5th grade students who will be taking their ELA MCAS this upcoming week.

-All grades were recently treated to the wonders of Hands on Science with Heather Simpson sponsored by our BEC (Boylston Education Collaborative). Students enjoyed dissecting owl pellets, studying insects and watching worms. Students loved these activities.

-BEC has been a huge support of our students and staff this year and every year. This year alone they have paid out $12000 in grants and $1500 in stipends. Teachers can apply for grants and stipends to bring in additional resources and materials to benefit the students in their classrooms at the start of each school year. This year items such as whiteboards, standing desks, wobble chairs, fidgets, positive reinforcers, monthly subscriptions, etc. One reinforcer that was purchased was a pair of ride-on animals. These animals can be earned by students when they hit a BIG goal. The goal can be academic, social, or any goal that they are working on with their classroom teacher. To say they have been a “hit” is a huge understatement. Thank you BEC for all that you do for our students and school!