Memorandum

To: Al Ganem, Interim Superintendent of Schools
From: Cinthia D. Sykes, Principal, Boylston Elementary School
Date: May 13, 2025
Re: Report to School Committee

BES Highlights-May, 2025

1. **Highlights:**
   -Students have begun their end-of-year AIMsweb benchmark assessments. Throughout the year (September to January and through June) we have closely monitored their progress to celebrate growth and make timely instructional adjustments to improve outcomes. Our primary focus this year was math, and we are pleased to see overall gains.

   Back in January, we identified two areas needing attention. First, our kindergarten ELA scores declined from September to January. Encouragingly, May data now shows a positive turnaround, with a 6% improvement. This mirrors a similar trend we observed during the 2023–2024 school year, prompting us to further investigate the root cause of this recurring pattern.

   The second area of concern is 2nd grade math, which showed a 5% drop in math in January. We remain optimistic that the final benchmark data will reflect growth and progress in this area as well once complete.

2. **Nature's Classroom**
   -5th Grade classrooms have completed this year's MCAS tests and are off to Nature's Classroom this week. We are planning to not have this amazing NC trip in the MCAS window next year.
   -3rd and 4th Grade Math MCAS is the week of May 12th.

3. **Upcoming Events:**
   Friday, May 23rd: Memorial Day Program
   Friday, May 30th: Field Day
   Friday, June 6th: BES Talent Show
   Tuesday, June 10th: K'Nex Challenge against BMS
   Friday, June 13th: 5th Grade Recognition

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