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TO: Boston School Committee
FROM: David Bloom, Chief Financial Officer
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SUBJECT: FY26 Supplemental Budget Request for Boston Public Schools (BPS)

As of February 2026, Boston Public Schools (BPS) projections indicate a deficit of **\$28M** in the FY26 Budget. This deficit is **\$23M** less than the school district’s projected deficit of \$51M shared with the School Committee in December. This reduction in deficit is the direct result of intentional cost saving measures in transportation and food services as well as the spending pauses that were implemented in November and January. A significant portion (90%) of the remaining deficit is the direct result of overages from Health Insurance, Unemployment, and Utilities.

We are continuing to identify areas of savings to mitigate the impact of the BPS overages, however this deficit cannot be solved with these cost control measures alone. We are coming before the School Committee for your approval to request a FY26 Supplemental Appropriation from the Boston City Council for a total of **\$22.8M** dollars to cover the deficits in Health Insurance and Utility projections.

These areas of spending are where BPS partners with the city to generate early estimates to set budgeted amounts for FY26, and where FY26 was a particular outlier in terms of the difference between these estimates and actual costs. Below you will find the details of our request:

Category	FY26 Budget	Projected Spending	Ask
Health Insurance	\$134,071,582	\$152,159,332	\$18,087,750
Electric Utilities	\$15,669,168	\$19,345,788	\$3,676,620
Other Utilities	\$14,280,042	\$15,361,344	\$1,081,302
Total	\$164,020,792	\$186,866,464	\$22,845,672

There may be some fluctuation regarding these numbers as they are projections and not actual expenses. For this reason, we remain flexible in our work with our City of Boston colleagues to address this deficit.

I look forward to answering any questions you have.

David Bloom