



CITY OF BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS
Office of the Mayor
Thomas M. Menino

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To the Eliot School Community:

The John Eliot K-8 School is growing in reputation and size. After years of declining test scores and disinterest, the school stands as a model. Test scores have reversed, parent interest has soared, and external partnerships have accelerated. In just the past few years, the school has demonstrated vast improvements in math and in English Language Arts, and in student attendance. And thanks to energized partners, there's an infusion of arts in the curriculum, Italian lessons, before and after-school programming – even woodworking instruction. The school's extraordinary principal, dedicated staff, and exceptional parents are continuously seeking new opportunities to provide a quality education for *all* of its students.

There's a spirit and a new energy at the Eliot that permeates throughout the school. It is no surprise that more and more families want to be a part of this vibrant school community. The number of prospective families who select the Eliot as a top choice has rocketed. As we all know, the building on Charter Street cannot begin to house every student who applies to the Eliot – or even sufficiently accommodate those who will be enrolled next school year.

My administration is deeply committed to building on the success of the Eliot School. Like you, I want the school to flourish. To do so, I recognize that we need to develop both a long-term and a short-term solution. Given the many considerations, we believe that we will be in a position to provide a course of action for the capital needs of the Eliot K-8 School on or before May 1, 2012. I appreciate the community's patience as we work with you toward determining the most viable direction for the school – and I thank you all for making the Eliot School what it is today.

Sincerely,

Thomas M. Menino
Mayor of Boston