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BOSTON COLLEGIATE CHARTER SCHOOL IS TOP IN THE STATE Charter School Consistently Delivers Strong Results on MCAS Exams

Dorchester, MA. Boston Collegiate Charter School once again ranked number one in the entire state on the 2009 10th grade Math MCAS exam. For the second straight year, 100% of 10th graders at Boston Collegiate scored Advanced or Proficient on the Math MCAS.

Boston Collegiate is the only school in the state with a seven-year long record of 100% passing the Math MCAS on the first attempt.

In addition, the scores of the Class of 2011 are the highest in the history of the school, with 89% scoring Advanced on the Math exam and 93% scoring Advanced or Proficient on the English exam.

Boston Collegiate, a twelve year-old charter school located in Dorchester, continues to achieve top academic results at all grade levels:

- 100% of Boston Collegiate 10th graders passed the Math MCAS exam for the seventh consecutive year, making it the only school in the state to achieve such success. On average, over 91% of 10th graders have scored Advanced or Proficient on the Math MCAS over the past seven years.
- Over 99% of Boston Collegiate students have passed the English MCAS over the past eight years. On average, over 84% of 10th graders have scored Advanced or Proficient on the English MCAS exam over the past eight years.

Boston Collegiate's mission is to prepare each student for college. In support of its mission, Boston Collegiate's teachers focus on data driven instruction and commit more time to students in the classroom. Boston Collegiate has a longer school day and longer school year than most other public schools. The school day starts at 7:45am and ends at 3pm, 4pm, or 5pm. Students in need of extra support attend Saturday School and mandatory tutoring and homework club from 3 – 4pm.

Boston Collegiate's rigorous and disciplined curriculum starts in the 5th grade. The structured middle school environment lays a solid foundation that enables its high school students to flourish. Teachers provide tailored approaches and individual support to

students. The results also highlight the school's commitment to building a highly successful, highly accountable urban public school.

Executive Director Kathleen Sullivan notes, "We are so proud of our students. Year after year, our results demonstrate that high expectations, tremendous individual support, and exceptional teachers produce first-rate results, and, most importantly, college success. As 100% of the Class of 2009 begin their college experiences at institutions like Cornell University, Union College and UMASS-Amherst, we stay focused here in Dorchester to ensure that all our future graduates leave BCCS with the skills, experiences, and knowledge they need for success in college and lives of opportunity and hope."

In June 2009, Boston Collegiate had cause to celebrate when 100% of Boston Collegiate's senior class was accepted into college for the sixth year in a row, earning 106 acceptances and over \$1.1 million in merit scholarships. **Nearly half of the Class of 2009 received full, four-year scholarships.** Drawing students from Boston families in which 80% of students will be the first to graduate from college, Boston Collegiate demonstrates that all students can achieve and be ready to succeed in college.

Boston Collegiate Charter School was established in 1998 with the mission to prepare each student for college. The school has grown from 120 students in grades 5, 6, and 7 to over 500 students in grades 5 through 12. The school offers an academically rigorous, college preparatory curriculum based on three pillars: a structured academic environment, high expectations combined with a tremendous amount of individual support, and an exceptional teaching staff. This year, the Lower School, grades 5 and 6, returns to South Boston as it awaits the unveiling of the new lower school campus on Sydney Street in Dorchester. Boston Collegiate will soon be the only charter school with two campuses in Dorchester.

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