



For Immediate Release

Boston Collegiate Charter School Posts Highest 10th Grade MCAS Scores in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Dorchester, MA (Sept. 20, 2011) – Boston Collegiate Charter School (BCCS) announces today the best student achievement results in its 13-year history. MCAS results, released today from the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, show that 100% of the school’s 10th grade students scored Advanced or Proficient in both English Language Arts and Math, making BCCS the highest performing school in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on those exams.

“BCCS families and supporters should be proud of their dedication, which made the student achievement results of the 2010-2011 school year possible,” said BCCS Executive Director Shannah Varón. “I am proud of our teachers and families for their continued dedication to helping our students achieve the highest academic results.”

In addition to the achievements of the 10th grade class, the results across the entire school were stronger than ever. These student achievement results help to create the foundation for fulfilling the college-preparatory mission of BCCS, ensuring that, for the eighth year in a row, 100% of BCCS seniors were accepted to college in 2011.

In the coming year, the school will continue to raise the bar, pushing more and more students to score Advanced on all exams. The school will also continue to look beyond the MCAS to increasing success on gate-keeping exams for college like the SAT through its relentless focus on teacher development and coaching. By the first week in September, when many students were just heading back to school in Boston, the BCCS leadership team had already conducted more than 100 teacher observations and provided feedback to teachers for improvement.

“In addition to focusing on teacher growth and development, BCCS aims to be a school where teachers can work sustainably,” said Chief Academic Officer Eileen Callahan. “For example, this fall the school launched a daycare program within the school building for teachers with young children.”

With a legacy of strong student achievement and college acceptance, BCCS now increases its focus on college persistence and completion. The 2010-2011 school year marked the launch of a formalized alumni program, with a full-time staff person dedicated to tracking alumni college experiences and providing mentorship and coaching to ensure perseverance in the face of challenges.

In addition to the work that is being done with students and alumni, BCCS will also strive to build mutually beneficial partnerships and collaborations with other schools to further enhance rigor of its programs. BCCS is an active participant in the Boston Charter Compact, signed today by Mayor Thomas Menino, Boston Public Schools Superintendent Carol Johnson, and charter leaders, and BCCS remains committed to helping advance cross-school collaboration to improve instruction.

About Boston Collegiate Charter School

Founded in 1998, Boston Collegiate Charter School is a tuition-free public school serving nearly 600 students in grades 5 through 12. BCCS has a simple yet ambitious mission: to prepare each student for college. BCCS has consistently brought its mission to life: 100% of the school’s graduates have been accepted to college. For more information, visit www.bostoncollegiate.org. Follow us on Twitter at @BCCStoCollege.

Contact:

Shannah Varón, Executive Director
svaron@bostoncollegiate.org
(617) 265-1172 x291
(617) 417-9130

Reimagining What a School Can Be

LOWER SCHOOL CAMPUS	215 Sydney Street, Dorchester, MA 02125	(617) 282-6710 PHONE	(617) 282-6712 FAX
MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS	11 Mayhew Street, Dorchester, MA 02125	(617) 265-1172 PHONE	(617) 265-1176 FAX
ONLINE	www.bostoncollegiate.org		