Community Engagement



Programs & Intitiatives

Public Engagement

The Community Engagement team actively promotes genuine engagement of families and community members. Our aim is to establish platforms for BPS to disseminate information and gather input, guaranteeing that the community's perspective influences and shapes BPS decision-making and policies. We facilitate dialogue through structured meetings, forums, focus groups, and surveys. Community Engagement is committed to upholding trust within the communities we serve, demonstrating that we recognize and value their voice.

Community Engagement Advisory Collective (CEAC)

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CEAC is the district's effort to formally enlist and partner with constituent-based organizations and community members to help Boston Public Schools deeply engage all members of our community and every stakeholder group regarding initiatives and policies. It gives the opportunity to network and build trust with community organizations that are in the communities of the families we serve to help BPS understand how to better serve the community .

Outreach

We share upcoming events and community events that we're facilitating as well as events that we are tabling to share out information from BPS to keep the community informed. If you would like to send fliers of upcoming events please email us at **communityengagement@bostonpublicschools.org (mailto:communityengagement@bostonpublicschools.org)**

You can follow us at these platforms:

Facebook (https://facebook.com/bpsce)

Twitter (https://twitter.com/bpsce)

Instagram (https://instagram.com/bpsce)

Our Team



Masika Gadson

Director of Community Engagement

Masika Gadson, the Director of Community Engagement at Boston Public Schools, has been a beacon of support for children and families in our city for over two decades. Her unwavering commitment to fostering resilience and healing has touched countless lives and continues to make a lasting impact. Through her leadership, Masika is reshaping the landscape of community-school relationships, driving effective collaboration, and creating opportunities for authentic engagement. Her work not only builds trust but also paves the way for meaningful change in including families in policy and decision-making within our educational system. To learn more about Community Engagement work and how we can all contribute to building a stronger, more connected community.

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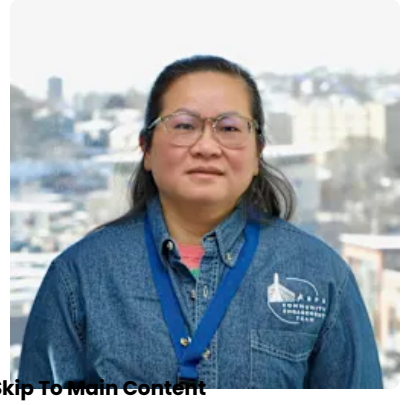
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Team Managers



JELANI HAYNES

Jelani Haynes is the Community Engagement Senior Manager for Boston Public Schools and a community advocate. Raised in a family that has long stood as pillars in the neighborhoods he now serves, Jelani learned early the importance of showing up, listening, and ensuring community voices are seen and heard. He began volunteering at a young age through local programs that shaped his commitment to uplifting others. Since joining the Community Engagement team in 2018, Jelani has supported families and partners by facilitating meaningful conversations, coordinating districtwide events, and strengthening connections across Boston. His background in audio engineering and deep ties to the arts, faith, and athletic communities help create inclusive, welcoming spaces where BPS families feel valued and supported.



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PHUONGDAI NGUYEN

Phuongdai Nguyen is an alumna of Boston Public Schools (BPS) and a proud BPS parent. Phuongdai has over twenty years of experience working with youth and families across schools, community organizations, and the nonprofit sector. In 2011, Phuongdai joined the Boston Public Schools Office of Multilingual and Multicultural Education as a Family Resource Specialist. In 2023, Phuongdai transitioned to the Office of Family and Community Advancement (OFCA) as a member of the Community Engagement Team. Phuongdai speaks Vietnamese and enjoys traveling and learning new skills.



ABDI TAHLIL

Abdi is a community-driven leader raised by a community activist who taught him that it truly takes a village to strengthen schools and uplift neighborhoods. Grounded in this belief, he spends weekends alongside community members hosting breakfast gatherings at the local basketball court to build connection and care within the neighborhood. A proud Boston Public Schools alumnus with eight years of service to the district, Abdi has worked across Transportation and the Helpline and collaborated closely with teams including Welcome Services, Special Education, Language Access, the Superintendent's Office, School Leaders, BPS Mentoring, and the Office of Equity. Now serving as a Community Engagement Manager, Abdi is committed to creating equitable, inclusive spaces where every Boston family feels valued, heard, and supported

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