

Leveraging Research and Policy to Improve K-12 Education in Massachusetts

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MIT School Effectiveness and Inequality Initiative

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Connolly Center, Fourth Floor
600 Atlantic Ave #100
Boston, MA 02210

PROGRAM

8:00 am Breakfast

A continental breakfast will be available in the New England Room, adjacent to the Connolly Center.

8:40 am Welcome remarks

Robert Triest, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston
Sanjay Sarma, MIT Dean of Digital Learning

9:00 am Alternative School Models

Short Presentations of: Lawrence Public Schools Turnaround
Beth Schueler, Harvard Graduate School of Education
Joshua Goodman, Harvard Kennedy School*
David Deming, Harvard Graduate School of Education

Charters Without Lotteries: Testing Takeovers in New Orleans and Boston

Atila Abdulkadiroğlu, Duke University
Joshua Angrist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER
Peter Hull, Massachusetts Institute of Technology*
Parag A. Pathak, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER

Panel Discussion

Christopher Gabrieli, CEO, Empower Schools; Chairman, Massachusetts Board of Higher Education, Chair
Richard Stutman, President, Boston Teachers Union
Ryan Knight, Director of Strategy and Evaluation, UP Education Network

* Indicates presenter for papers with multiple authors

10:05 am Schools and Neighborhoods

Short Presentation of: The Effect of Foreclosure on Boston Public School Student Academic Performance and Within-School Spillover Effects of Foreclosures and Student Mobility on Student Academic Performance

Katharine Bradbury, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Mary A. Burke, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston*

Robert K. Triest, Federal Reserve Bank of Boston

Panel Discussion

Alice Peisch, Massachusetts House Chair, Joint Committee on Education, Chair

Mary Bourque, Superintendent, Chelsea Public Schools

Jessica Andors, Executive Director, Lawrence Community Works

10:45 am Break

11:00 am Accountability and Value-Added

Short Presentation of: Validating Teacher Effect Estimates Using Changes in Teacher Assignments

Andrew Bacher-Hicks, Harvard University

Thomas J. Kane, Harvard University and NBER*

Douglas O. Staiger, Dartmouth College and NBER

Leveraging Lotteries for School Value-Added: Testing and Estimation

Joshua Angrist, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER*

Peter Hull, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Parag A. Pathak, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER

Christopher Walters, University of California, Berkeley and NBER

Panel Discussion

Kevin Lang, Professor of Economics, Boston University, Chair

Carrie Conaway, Associate Commissioner of Planning, Research, and Delivery Systems, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Nicole Wagner, Executive Director of Data and Accountability, Boston Public Schools

12:05 pm Lunch and Keynote

A buffet luncheon will be served in the New England Room prior to the keynote address.

Keynote address: What Have We Learned from the Last Decade of Education Research

Roland Fryer, Harvard University and EdLabs

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1:20 pm School Admissions Policy

Short presentations of: The Demand for Effective Charter Schools

Christopher Walters, University of California, Berkeley and NBER

Overview of Unified Enrollment in American Cities

Parag A. Pathak, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and NBER

Panel Discussion

Neil Dorosin, Executive Director, The Institute for Innovation in Public School Choice, Chair

Rahn Dorsey, Chief of Education, City of Boston

Hardin Coleman, Dean of Boston University's School of Education, Boston School Committee

2:25 pm Break

2:40 pm Access and Equity

Short presentations of: English Language Learners and Special Education Students in Charter Schools:

Classification and Effectiveness

Elizabeth Setren, Massachusetts Institute of Technology

The Long Run Impacts of Tracking High-Achieving Students: Evidence from Boston's Advanced Work Class

Sarah Cohodes, Teachers College, Columbia University

Panel Discussion

Elizabeth Pauley, Senior Director, Education to Career, The Boston Foundation, Chair

Cliff Chuang, Associate Commissioner for Educational Redesign, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education

Kim Janey, Senior Project Director, Massachusetts Advocates for Children

Erica Brown, Special Advisor to the Executive Director, City on a Hill Charter Public Schools; Founding Charter-District Steering Committee Member, Boston Compact; Chair of Teaching and Learning, Boston Charter Alliance

3:45 pm Closing Remarks

Making Research More Useful for Policy

Carrie Conaway, Associate Commissioner of Planning, Research, and Delivery Systems, Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Chair

Tommy Chang, Superintendent, Boston Public Schools

Jim Peyser, Massachusetts Secretary of Education

4:45 pm Reception

Harborview Dining Room (31st floor)

Refreshments and open bar