



**Renaming  
BCLA-McCormack  
Proposal:  
Ruth Batson Academy**  
Boston Public Schools



Ondrea Johnston: Head of School  
Eugene Roundtree: Regional School Superintendent



## Agenda:

- Who is Ruth Batson
- Renaming Committee
- Proposed Events
- Joining the work

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# Ruth Batson:

## “Mother - Educator - Civil Worker”

The chosen name symbolizes the legacy of a dedicated education advocate for students of color and a BPS alumna (Girls' Latin School). Her name connotes the vision of leadership and advocacy that resonates with the students and staff of the school, providing a meaningful connection to their school community. The school has established an Early College partnership with UMass Boston, with an education career pathway aligned to Ms. Batson's legacy.



## Scope of Work

A: Launch a planning committee to oversee and implement the renaming ceremony for the Ruth Batson Academy

B: Identify assets and resources that will support the celebration/events

C: Build a network to aid in fundraising opportunities that will assist the school in providing more opportunities for students

## UPDATES

- ❑ Have launched a planning committee made up of representation of staff, stakeholders and members of Ms. Batson's family.
- ❑ Currently in process of identifying resources to support proposed plans

## **Let's Celebrate**

**Back to School Celebration**

**Mayoral Ribbon Cutting**

**Educational Memorial within School building**

*“When we fight about education, we’re fighting for our lives. We’re fighting for what that education will give us. We’re fighting for a job. We’re fighting to eat. We’re fighting to pay our medical bills. We’re fighting for a lot of things. This is a total fight with us.” -Ruth M. Batson*

# Join Us

Meetings are hosted every other Weds at 2:30-3:25 PM virtually.

## Upcoming schedules

- May 22, 2024
- June 5, 2024
- June 19, 2024

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