

## City of Boston, Massachusetts Office of the Mayor MICHELLE WU

August 6, 2024

Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the entire City and Boston Public Schools (BPS) team, I write to thank the Commissioners for your recent approval of the conceptual design for the renovated White Stadium and to address some questions you asked during the July 29th hearing.

I wish to be absolutely clear that neither the City nor Boston Unity will begin demolition work at White Stadium until *after* the parties have signed a lease agreement for the West Grandstand area and adjacent areas (also known as "the Grove"). We are working to sign a lease agreement by early fall so that site preparation and early demolition for both sides can begin at that time.

The lease agreement will obligate both Parties to construct the state-of-the-art facilities presented to the Parks Commission, and which have already received approvals from the Boston Landmarks Commission (BLC), the Boston Civic Design Commission (BCDC), and the Boston Planning and Development Agency (BPDA).

We look forward to answering your questions at the upcoming meeting on Monday, August 12, and we will continue to engage with neighbors, student athletes, and park users to advance this important project.

Sincerely,

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Dion Irish Chief of Operations City of Boston