

2016 METCO Program Report

Report on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts, and the extent to which the services rendered by Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity support the goals of the grant program

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Introduction

The Department of Elementary and Secondary Education respectfully submits this Report to the Legislature pursuant to Chapter 182 of the Acts of 2008, line item 7010-0012:

"For grants to cities, towns and regional school districts for payments of certain costs and related expenses for the program to eliminate racial imbalance, established under section 12A of chapter 76 of the General Laws; provided, that funds shall be made available for payment for services rendered by the Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity (METCO) Inc. and Springfield public schools; provided further, that all grant applications submitted to and approved by the department of elementary and secondary education shall include a detailed line item budget specifying how such funds shall be allocated and expended; and provided further, that the department of elementary and secondary education shall submit a report on the impact of the grant program on student outcomes, the expenditure of funds by districts, and the extent to which the services rendered by METCO, Inc. support the goals of the grant program to the joint committee on education and the house and senate committees on ways and means not later than December 1, 2016....."

METCO Overview

METCO, Inc. (METCO) has a contract with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education to support participating districts and have been the service provider for fifty years with the primary role of providing direct services to participating students, families and school districts. The districts provide a broad based educational program for all students, and METCO, Inc. provides additional options for tutorial programs, enrichment, remedial and referral services for METCO students in need of additional support.

METCO serves as the Boston based central office for all Boston METCO parents, students and the general public requesting information about the program. When schools are in session, METCO is open from six-thirty in the morning until eight o'clock at night. and some Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. for specific purposes. They provide meeting space for parent groups, the MPLC (METCO Parent Legislative Committee) and the alumni association and maintain and monitor the waiting list for interested families. Currently, there are approximately 8,750 students on the waiting list.

METCO also conducts information sessions for families on the waiting list to educate them about the program. They also have an annual orientation in August for new families entering the program and distribute the METCO parent handbook, which is also uploaded to the website. In August 2016 they had more than 100 families attend.

New Applicants on Waiting List During the Period July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016

Breakdown by Race

African American 451 Asian 28 Caucasian 7 Hispanic 176 Native American 0 Other 61 Undesignated 2

Breakdown by Grade

Grade	Number Registered		Number Registered
PK	426	6	26
K	77	7	20
1	37	8	21
2	32	9	10
3	30	10	1
4	21	11	0
5	24	12	0

Active Waitlist as of June 30, 2016 - Breakdown by Race

Total Students on Acc	tive Waiting list - 8,750
African American	5,478
Asian	337
Caucasian	77
Hispanic	2,047
Native American	42
Other	584
Undesignated	185

Active Waitlist as of June 30, 2016 - Breakdown by Grade

Grade	Number Registered	Grade	Number Registered
PK	3,615	5	615
K	1,103	6	430
1	720	7	70
2	666	8	56
3	699	9	16
4	759	10, 11 & 12	1

2016-2017 Referral and Placement to Districts

METCO's placement process for the 2016-17 year began in October 2015 when parents of children who had been referred but had not been placed were asked to update their child's referral/placement packet.

In late November and December mailings went out to parents of students on the waiting list in grades K-9 inviting them to an information session. 12 sessions were conducted with over 850 parents attending.

In May 2016, **950 placement packets** folders were referred to districts and as of July 2016, **250** of those students were placed in the districts.

Demographic Report 2016-2017																							
District	Total	Fem	Male	AA	Hisp.	Mixed Race	Asian	Nat Haw	Amer Indian	White	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Arlington	75	35	40	65	6	0	4	0	0	0	0	2	6	4	10	4	12	6	9	6	7	6	3
Bedford	98	50	48	76	18	2	0	0	0	2	2	7	7	7	5	8	8	9	7	10	11	8	9
Belmont	104	54	50	64	24	11	3	0	0	2	0	7	6	4	10	4	11	7	10	12	14	10	9
Braintree	18	7	11	15	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2	0	2	0	2	5	1	4
Brookline	292	165	127	189	71	16	13	0	0	3	24	24	19	20	19	22	21	19	26	28	18	19	33
Cohasset	44	33	11	36	2	3	0	0	1	2	4	4	4	2	4	4	3	3	2	3	3	5	3
Concord	86	45	41	64	20	1	1	0	0	0	9	8	8	9	5	14	10	11	12	0	0	0	0
Concord-Carlisle	51	25	26	41	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	11	14	13
Dover	7	3	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dover-Sherborn	24	14	10	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	3	4	4	1	4
East Longmeadow	38	23	15	21	13	1	1	0	0	2	4	2	0	2	1	4	4	3	1	4	3	5	5
Foxborough	35	20	15	28	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	2	1	8	3	7	7
Hampden- Wilbraham	19	12	7	13	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	0	0	4	5	0	0	3	3
Hingham	40	18	22	31	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	7	1	1	9	3	2	4	1	3	4	3
Lexington	243	139	104	176	50	7	9	0	0	1	12	16	27	25	18	26	10	27	14	14	10	16	28
Lincoln	90	48	42	48	35	5	2	0	0	0	11	9	12	11	12	9	5	11	10	0	0	0	0
Lincoln-Sudbury	91	53	38	58	23	5	3	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	25	25	18
Longmeadow	35	17	18	24	8	3	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	4	3	4	0	2	1	2	1	4	5
Lynnfield	40	18	22	28	11	1	0	0	0	0	4	3	4	4	4	4	4	1	2	3	3	2	2
Marblehead	76	39	37	60	13	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	4	3	10	9	5	6	7	9	11	6
Melrose	125	69	56	101	19	5	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	10	8	21	13	5	8	12	15	18	9
Natick	54	32	22	38	11	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	12	7	7	8	7	6
Needham	181	114	67	86	66	13	14	0	0	2	18	24	16	20	13	13	12	4	5	18	12	15	11
Newton	427	225	202	265	105	25	30	0	0	2	15	36	42	42	38	22	27	35	41	46	26	23	34
Reading	70	35	35	63	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	9	4	9	7	12	4	4	4	6	5	1	5
Scituate	67	39	28	56	7	2	1	1	0	0	0	6	4	5	7	4	5	9	7	7	7	1	5
Sharon	65	31	34	40	17	4	1	1	0	2	0	3	3	2	1	5	3	7	5	7	7	8	14
Sherborn	8	6	2	6	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South-Toll-Granv																							i
Reg	19	11	8	16	1	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	1	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	1	2
Sudbury	70	36	34	54	12	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	9	10	13	9	10	4	9	0	0	0	0
Swampscott	55	25	30	35	14	3	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	3	6	2	4	7	4	4	9	7	8
Wakefield	63	36	27	38	19	1	3	1	0	1	1	6	0	1	6	7	6	4	7	5	8	8	4
Walpole	41	30	11	30	10	0	0	0	0	1	0	6	4	1	4	2	4	1	6	5	6	2	0
Wayland	139	78	61	110	15	7	3	2	0	2	0	6	11	17	16	11	11	11	14	15	6	11	10
Wellesley	157	86	71	128	16	11	1	0	0	1	9	12	11	10	18	10	5	13	9	18	10	18	14
Weston	169	92	77	114	34	11	3	1	0	6	14	16	12	12	15	11	12	13	13	13	11	14	13
Westwood	44	26	18	38	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14	6	7	8	4	3	2
Totals	3260	1789	1471	2285	684	152	94	8	5	32	133	227	230	248	255	258	249	252	260	312	266	278	292

Transportation Department

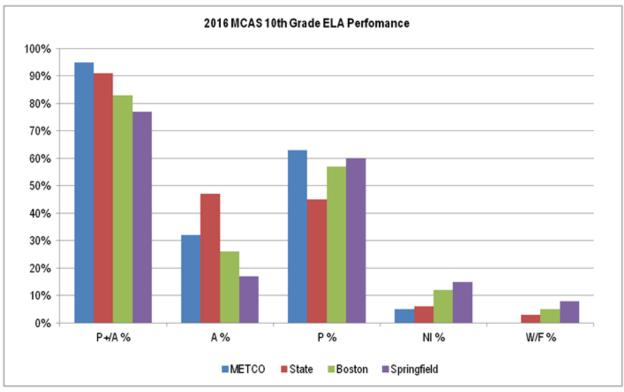
METCO provides and executes the administration of contracts with bus companies for fourteen school districts. Terms of the bid specifications and contracts are monitored for quality performance of the vendor to each school district.

The school districts are:

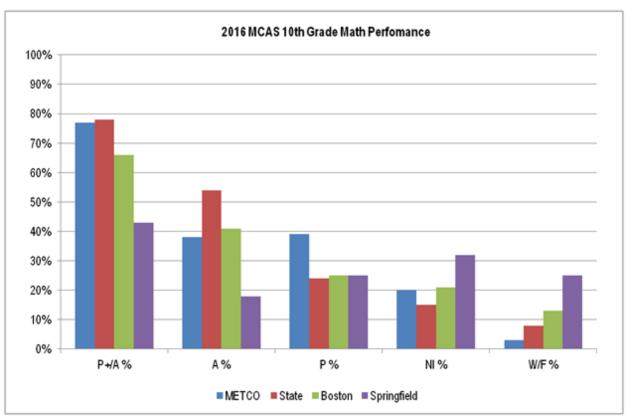
- Arlington
- Belmont
- Braintree
- Cohasset
- Dover/Sherborn
- Hingham
- Foxboro
- Lexington
- Lincoln
- Lincoln/Sudbury
- Natick
- Scituate
- Sudbury
- Walpole

Bus vendors are expected to supply quality service and are monitored for fiscal and operational compliance. The management services include monitoring timely service on a daily basis for both a.m. and p.m. trips, work with the Business Manager to review invoices for accuracy, "field" telephone inquiries and problem solve. They are also expected to meet and communicate with bus company management personnel as necessary. In addition, they enforce disciplinary codes for safe riding and meet or communicate with school district personnel and METCO Directors.

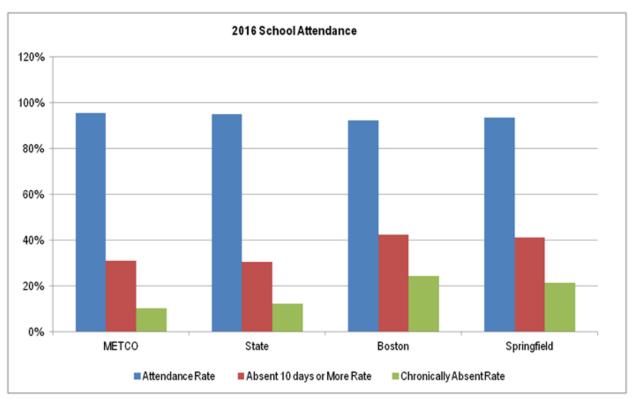
METCO Student Outcomes



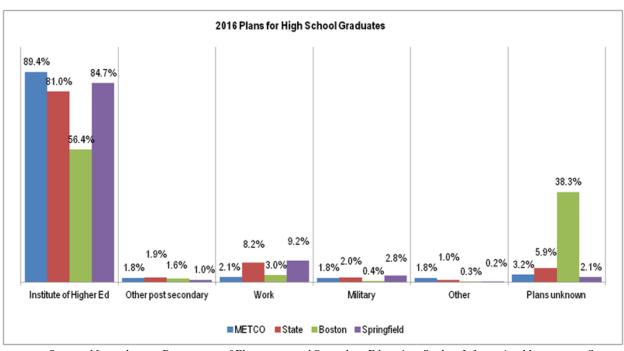
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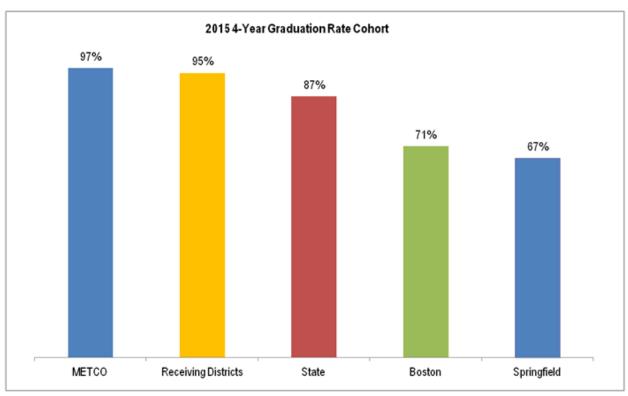
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School Districts Expenditure of Funds

	Admin	Professional	Support	Fringe	Contract	Supplies	Travel	Other	Indirect	Total	
FY16 Fund Use		Staff	Staff	Benefits	Services	Materials		Cost	Costs	Grant	
Arlington P. S.	89,777	102,859	34,243		6,880	15,780	2,600	163,790		415,929	
Bedford P.S.	127,125	3,000	57,740		60,848	1,677	3,796	298,145		552,331	
Belmont P.S.	91,695	187,038	77,684	46,308		5,456	2,400	152,960		563,541	
Braintree P.S.	50,000		46,425					114,295		210,720	
Brookline P.S.	124,989	687,741	213,521		23,550	3,500	3,300	401,530	17,435	1,475,566	
Cohasset P.S.	76,915		29,289		4,254	10,117	540	155,268		276,383	
Concord P.S.	34,500	84,224	248,548		3,000			138,599		508,871	
East Longmeadow P.S.		167,667				800		81,342		249,809	
Foxboro P.S.	42,263	74,147	41,727					87,070		245,207	
Hingham P.S.	55,062	23,883	10,565		4,500	4,720	2,900	112,300		213,930	
Lexington P.S.	125,241	369,894	324,347		53,009	18,055	4,000	594,338		1,488,884	
Lincoln P.S.	25,000	264,204	32,713		3,575	3,200		173,274		501,966	
Longmeadow P.S.	3,000	78,460	37,968			7,300		87,214		213,942	
Lynnfield P.S.	60,610		73,934		5,000	2,016		87,500		229,060	
Marblehead P.S.	91,549	70,127	39,713	37,470	43,000	22,000	793	194,850		499,502	
Melrose P.S.	82,529	270,000	65,462		25,000	5,500	11,000	220,622		680,113	
Natick P.S.	79,560	91,982		20,000	3,286	1,900	1,600	140,594		338,922	
Needham P.S.	85,866	187,497	248,629		28,690	64,188	8,450	306,688	10,840	940,848	
Newton P.S.	110,684	1,185,599	138,273	84,728	20,000	6,552	16,540	848,500		2,410,876	
Reading P.S.	73,130	100,000	10,500		6,855	4,330	2,375	190,200		387,390	
Scituate P.S.	83,242	80,000	11,520	7,345	13,000	6,000		203,850		404,957	
Sharon P.S.	59,770	59,949	19,024		34,453	51,682	4,700	194,386		423,964	
Springfield P.S.	26,112		3,644	5,815	2,500	1,354		1,000	1,411	41,836	
Sudbury P.S.	46,000	22,676	189,155		14,061	7,618	2,150	155,032		436,692	
Swampscott P.S.	56,000	174,496	29,000			3,000		144,803		407,299	
Wakefield P.S.	68,913		34,895		33,500	3,346	3,950	151,286		295,890	
Walpole P.S.	84,526	66,106		10,000				108,593		269,225	
Wayland P.S.	98,791	272,472	76,845		7,327	26,263	9,272	231,897		722,867	
Wellesley P.S.	118,605	261,621	91,368	70,120	8,984	6,136	844	335,204		892,882	
Weston P.S.	61,019	564,957	40,058					267,754		933,788	
Westwood P.S.	88,288		38,883		12,042	11,674	4,000	87,218		242,105	
Concord-Carlisle RSD	80,500	86,449	32,419		12,000	11,195	5,000	148,901		376,464	
Dover-Sherborn RSD	74,285		25,049		5,560	8,033	1,701	98,130		212,758	
Hampden-Wilbraham RSD	2,760	80,944			535		615	47,776		132,630	
Lincoln-Sudbury RSD	46,000	144,246	15,000	7,797	40,600	24,400	5,000	195,116	14,561	492,720	
Southwick/Tolland RSD		82,075					200	58,969		141,244	
Total	\$2,424,306	\$ 5,844,313	\$,338,141	\$289,583	\$476,009	\$337,792	\$97,726	\$6,978,994	\$44,247	\$18,831,111	