



# Boston Public Schools: Then & Now

In our August 2022 Mentor Development Session, we reviewed the history of BPS busing, and discussed how its racist legacy relates to our work as mentors today. If you want to further explore this important topic or learn more about diversity in our public schools, you can consult our list of resources below.



## Podcasts

- [Nice White Parents](#) – Limited series about building a better school system and what gets in the way from the New York Times.
- [Last Night at School Committee](#) – Summaries of Boston Public Schools' School Committee meetings and other current district events from the Shah Family Foundation.



## Radio

- [Racial Justice: Coverage and Context](#) – Discussions of race, diversity, and inclusion in the city of Boston from GBH 89.7, Boston's Local NPR.
- [Racial Justice: The Effort to Bring Back an Elected Boston School Committee](#) – A program discussing the past and present of what the school committee has looked like in Boston.



## Newsletters

- [BTU Bulletins](#) – Updates, announcements, and calls to action from the Boston Teachers Union.
- [BPS Weekly Update](#) – Weekly newsletter for BPS families, staff, partners, and community members from the BPS Communications Team.
- [Boston Parents Schoolyard News](#) – An independent, parent-run news site for BPS families.



## Articles

- [New Boston City Budget](#) – Review of Mayor Wu's 2022 budget that prioritizes investing in school facilities from the Boston Globe.
- [The Valedictorians Project](#) – A decades-long deep-dive into the legacies of Boston's high school valedictorians from the Boston Globe.



## Print

- [Common Ground: A Turbulent Decade in the Lives of Three American Families](#) – The Pulitzer and National Book Award winning book by J. Anthony Lukas examining race relations in Boston through the lens of busing.