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Dear Parent or Guardian,

You are receiving this letter because you made a request to a teacher to fill out a private school recommendation for your child. Unfortunately, this activity is no longer supported by the Public Schools of Brookline (PSB).

On December 10, Superintendent Ben Lummis overturned an agreement made between the BEU and the district to allow K-8 teachers 40 minutes of release time per recommendation. (This agreement was in response to the significant increase in requests to write private school recommendations.) Teachers at the high school have time allotted for writing recommendations. However, Mr. Lummis found that giving teachers time to write recommendations produced “unintended consequences” and he rescinded the policy without working with the BEU to find another solution. He also removed reference to administrators possibly writing them.

Until this inequity is remedied and acting Superintendent Lummis honors the policy created last year between the district and BEU, your request to write a recommendation cannot be fulfilled.

We recommend that you contact Mr. Lummis and ask that he reinstate the policy or work with the BEU to find another solution. I am sure that your e-mails and calls will help rectify this situation.

Sincerely,

Jessica Wender-Shubow
BEU President