Welcome to FENWAY HIGH SCHOOL! Fenway has been a pioneer among Boston public schools since 1983 and is devoted to providing a high-quality, personalized education to students from all over the city of Boston.

Fenway’s designation as a “pilot” school means extraordinary autonomy. At Fenway, we are free to design a schedule and curriculum that meet the particular academic needs of the students we serve.

We have the flexibility to create alternative approaches and test new programs: from student assessment portfolios and performance, to professional development for our teachers, to an integrated humanities curriculum combining literacy, history and social studies. Furthermore, we have the freedom to respond to our students’ real needs - academic, social-emotional, and practical. We can offer important “real life” learning and support alongside challenging academic work and give our students opportunities for real success.

The following pages highlight the many ways in which our friends, family and partners support our school community. We invite you to learn about our school and join us in celebrating the 2015-2016 academic school year.
Dear Friends,

Fenway’s 2015-2016 school year began in a new building and new neighborhood and ended in saying goodbye to Peggy Kemp, Head of School for 13 years. In between these two significant milestones, faculty and students:

- Enjoyed the new collaboration with Project Bread that brought nutritious, fresh and good-tasting food to the cafeteria
- Welcomed a new group of Spanish-speaking English Language Learners into the community
- Explored the new neighborhood of Mission Hill on Opening Day and during Project Week
- Enjoyed assemblies in the new Commons, where state-of-the-art sound and lighting enhances performances
- Conducted experiments in the new science labs
- Planted vegetables and herbs in the outdoor gardens

We celebrated the school’s and students’ many accomplishments over the past 13 years under Peggy Kemp’s leadership, including:

- National Blue Ribbon School, U.S. Department of Education
- National award by the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color
- Recognition by the Mauricio Gaston Institute as a school in which Latino students succeed
- Establishment of an endowment for college advising
- Development of programs for Language-Based Learning disabled students and Spanish Speaking English Language Learners
- Another graduating class of students heading to college – this year, 93% of graduates will enroll in college next fall and 75% of those will be attending four-year schools

As we said goodbye to Peggy Kemp, the school community welcomed Geoffrey Walker as Fenway’s new Head of School!

Fenway is wrapped in new surroundings but its core has remained true to its mission. We are now in a building that is wholly ours for the first time in our 33-year history. The sense of belonging permeates the wide hallways with arched ceilings, the large windows with views of the city, and the green space around the building. Fenway’s move and accomplishments would not be possible without the tireless work and generous support of you, our many friends.

With deep appreciation and gratitude for all that you do for Fenway’s students,

Peggy Kemp
Head of School

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Co-Chair Board of Trustees

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WORK HARD. BE YOURSELF. DO THE RIGHT THING.
Our Students

Total Enrolled 337

- Fenway students like to come to school: the AVERAGE DAILY ATTENDANCE is 93%.
- Fenway students apply themselves everyday: 96% are PROMOTED to the NEXT GRADE LEVEL.
- Fenway students stay in school: the DROP OUT RATE of <1% is one of the lowest in the district.

93%
4-year graduation rate
(Urban district average: 71%)

21%
have documented learning disabilities

50%
come from homes where English is not the primary language
Our Faculty and Staff

Total Faculty and Staff 49

- Full and part-time teaching staff: 26
- Student Support Counselors: 3
- Americorps VISTA Volunteers: 2
- Faculty to student ratio: 1:8

- Female: 36% (64%)
- Male: 36%
- White: 58%
- Asian: 2%
- Black: 34%
- Latino: 6%
At Fenway, we know and respect each student as an individual. Our faculty members work hard to ensure that each student is supported, connected, and intellectually challenged. We encourage creative, interdisciplinary thinking and active, engaged citizenship.

At the core of our philosophy is a simple idea: Nothing should hold you back. All students deserve a chance to acquire the knowledge, skills, and opportunities they need to find success. Our goal is to ensure that all students in our care have the education they need to realize their dreams. We provide our students with comprehensive resources and support both in and out of the classroom: students benefit from after school academic tutoring, SAT preparation courses, and student support advisors.

**THE CLASS OF 2016**

| 75% | attending a 4-year college | 15% | attending a 2-year college |

**COLLEGE CHOICES:** 93% of Fenway graduates were accepted to college; many are first-generation college students. We are pleased to share the college choices of the Class of 2016:

- Brandeis University (2)
- Bridgewater State University (3)
- Bunker Hill Community College (2)
- College of the Holy Cross (6)
- Curry College (2)
- Denison University
- Emmanuel College
- Fairleigh Dickinson University
- Fitchburg State University (2)
- Framingham State University (5)
- Hampshire College (2)
- Hudson Valley Community College
- Lesley University (2)
- MA Bay Community College
- MA College of Liberal Arts (3)
- Miami Dade College - Kendall Campus
- Newbury College
- Northeastern University Foundation Year (2)
- Pine Manor College (2)
- Quincy College (5)
- Salem State University
- Springfield College
- Stonehill College (2)
- Suffolk University
- Temple University
- University of Massachusetts, Boston (6)
- University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth (3)
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Westfield State University
On October 22, 2015, the Fenway community lost a close friend and ardent supporter with the death of John Esty. John became involved with Fenway over 20 years ago. It was a much different school then – very experimental and located on the campus of Bunker Hill Community College, where it was called the Fenway Middle College High School. John recognized that for a school such as Fenway to succeed, it needed to build a cadre of supporters from outside the school system, not just to donate funds (although that was critically important), but also to be advocates for the school when the school wanted to try out new ideas and ways of teaching.

John’s greatest act of friendship to Fenway was his willingness to lend his name to an endowment fund for college counseling at Fenway, the John C. Esty, Jr. College Advisory Fund. That endowment has ensured that Fenway students will always have a college counselor to help guide them through the daunting college admission and financial aid processes.

“The decision to name Fenway’s college counseling fund after John was in some ways hard for him. He was a modest man, and he also knew that in naming the fund after him we would be asking people who knew John to donate money (in some cases considerable amounts of money) to a school that most of them knew nothing about. John agreed only because he believed that Fenway students would benefit from skilled college counseling. As the generous gifts began to come in, John was constantly surprised by them. While he was clearly touched by what the gifts said about the impact he had had on the donors, he really loved that the fund was working and that the result was college counseling at the school he loved.”

- Dick Belin, Fenway High School Development Committee
With APPRECIATION

The following donors made generous contributions to the John C. Esty College Advisory Fund in John’s memory totaling over $50,000. We thank them for their thoughtful gifts.

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All public school students in Massachusetts are assessed using the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) test. Students must pass this standardized test to graduate from high school. Fenway students are tested in English Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science.

### 2016 MCAS Results

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- **Advanced/Proficient**: Grey
- **Needs Improvement**: Yellow
- **Warning/Failing**: Empty

The table above shows the percentage of students who passed each subject at Advanced/Proficient, Needs Improvement, and Warning/Failing levels.
**Our PARTNERS**

We are grateful to the community organizations, businesses, and individuals that have opened their doors to us. Our partners allow our students to take college classes, explore potential career fields through internships and job shadows and provide valuable learning opportunities beyond the classroom.

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Urbanity Dance  
Wentworth Institute of Technology

**Volunteer SUPPORT**

So many dedicated volunteers devote their time and energy to helping our students succeed. Volunteers provide academic tutoring and mentoring after school. We also have a wonderful group of people who volunteer their expertise on the investment committee and assist the school with fundraising and connecting Fenway to new partners and friends.

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An Evening with Ben Bernanke

Ben Bernanke, Former Chairman of the Federal Reserve, joined Fenway supporters for a dinner at the Harvard Club on May 26, 2016. Fenway was extremely privileged to have the opportunity to hear Dr. Bernanke speak to an intimate group, attended by supporters, faculty members, and two Fenway seniors. Dr. Bernanke’s mentor is Professor Kenneth R. Manning, an MIT professor and Fenway Board member, who introduced Dr. Bernanke to Fenway High School. Professor Manning began the evening with his introduction of Dr. Bernanke, in which he spoke of a friendship that began decades prior in the small town of Dillon, South Carolina.

Dr. Bernanke spoke at length about the current state of the U.S. and world economy, after which he opened up the floor for a dynamic Q&A session. He fielded a diverse set of questions about the changing landscape of education and tuition affordability, the upcoming presidential election, credit markets, and even his thoughts on salary caps for baseball players (Dr. Bernanke is self-admittedly an avid baseball fan).

The evening was moderated by Professor Benjamin Esty of Harvard Business School, the son of one of Fenway’s champion supporters, John Esty. A special thank you to our corporate sponsors, State Street Global Advisors and Fiduciary Trust Company, and thank you to all the supporters who made the night a success. The event’s attendees were able to get a private window into the mind of one of the world’s most influential economists, and we are so grateful for Dr. Bernanke’s generosity to the Fenway community.
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Sophomore Arts Electives

With funding from the BPS ARTS EXPANSION INITIATIVE AT EDVESTORS, Fenway’s arts electives expanded this year into a full-year, credit-worthy course for sophomores. We are pleased to recognize our 2015-2016 arts partners:

Acting and Improv - Company One Theater
Dance - Urbanity Dance
Visual Arts - Jacob Leidolf ‘07
Percussion - Sociedad Latina
Media Arts - Press Pass TV

7-year partnership 606 students served
$121,000 in support 14 arts partners
The **senior internship** program is one of the hallmarks of a Fenway education: every year, all seniors complete a six-week internship in a field of their choice. The class of 2016 explored a diverse range of career options with our community partners. Two students interned at **Dana-Farber Cancer Institute**: Freddie Gray-Vega conducted research in the Radiation Oncology/Cancer Biology department; Antoni-Ann Suer worked with nurse practitioners in the Pediatric Oncology department. Three students worked at the **Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary**: Sarah McLaughlin, Sandra Hernandez and Ana Acevedo Soto helped the hospital with their transition to a new electronic patient portal, dealt with patients and translated materials into Spanish. Lariona Jacobs interned in the Human Resources department at the ad agency **Hill Holliday**, where she worked on events with the Boston Red Sox. Carlos Acevedo Soto interned at the **New England Aquarium** in their marketing department. Other students worked at non-profits or educational institutions: Aubriana Mency did community outreach for **ArtsEmerson**; Dayron Lawrence coached and tutored young students at the **BCYF Perkins Community Center**. We are grateful to the many companies, institutions, and organizations that are giving our students unique opportunities to learn about potential careers.
Fenway’s sports teams had successful seasons, making State tournaments and posting new records. **Girls’ Basketball** was the 2016 Boston City League champions, edging out rival New Mission in a 55-53 win. Jaqualah Holliman ’16 reached 1,000 high school career points in the game and was named tournament MVP. The co-captain signed with Division 1 Farleigh Dickinson University, where she will continue her basketball career. Takora McIntyre ’16 also surpassed the 1,000 point milestone and is now playing at Temple University.

The **Boys’ Basketball** team also made the State playoffs. Both **Softball** and **Baseball** teams reached the State tournaments; the Softball team was plagued with two ACL tears but still finished the season strong. Other Fenway athletes participated on co-op teams with Madison Park HS and Snowden International School in soccer, volleyball, football, and track and field. Congratulations to all our student-athletes on a fantastic year of strong competition and great sportsmanship, and thank you to Boston Scholar Athletes for all their work with our athletes!
Project Bread: Chefs in Schools

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2015 marked the first year of Fenway’s partnership with Project Bread’s Chefs in Schools (CIS) initiative. The first state-funded program of its kind in the nation, CIS brings Project Bread’s professional chefs to school cafeterias. Their chefs train staff in culinary, presentation, and marketing skills, ultimately helping districts prepare and promote nutritious, kid-friendly, and USDA-approved foods - all within the confines of a public school budget.

One of the unexpectedly positive results of the CIS program is the development of an after-school Culinary Club. Led by Project Bread’s Chef Gates Cleghorn, Jr., student members tried out new recipes and learned cooking techniques. Some students then brought those skills home with them: Will Kadzis ‘18 said that he now makes breakfast every day for his father.

With generous multi-year support from the LLEWELLYN FOUNDATION, we have been able to partner with GREEN CITY GROWERS to implement a gardening program at Fenway. Our science classes have incorporated an ecology unit to utilize the garden, and we now harvest fresh produce and herbs on a weekly basis.
To celebrate National School Breakfast Week, Fenway hosted an Iron Chef competition in partnership with Project Bread’s Chefs in School and Child Nutrition Outreach Program. On March 9, 2016, 3 groups of students competed in a breakfast cook-off, highlighting the links between nutritious breakfasts, academic achievement, and healthy lifestyles. The groups’ creations were judged by an impressive panel, including Joanne Chang of Flour Bakery, Robert Leshin of the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, Chef Guy Koppe of Project Bread, and Fenway students. Congratulations to the winning team: William Kadzis, Cassidy Glascock and Cydney Ochogwu wowed the judges with their healthy breakfast smoothie.
One of the highlights of the year is **PROJECT WEEK**. Students and faculty divide into small groups and spend the week exploring a topic of common interest. This year, groups like **MISSION HILL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT** visited sites around the Mission Hill neighborhood; **SNAPCHAT** met with a famous photographer and explored Boston’s photography scene; and **YOU ARE WHAT YOU EAT** ate their way through the city and learned about the culinary arts. We extend a big thank you to all of the organizations and individuals who donated their time and resources to host us for visits!

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William Lloyd Garrison House
Opening Day of Project Week was held at CITY YEAR BOSTON. Students prepped hot meals for the homeless at the PINE STREET INN, cooked together in the STRONG MEN = STRONG COMMUNITIES group, and painted a new sports-themed mural in Fenway’s “Panther Zone.”
A Time of Transition

On May 22nd, 2016, the Fenway community honored Peggy Kemp, Fenway’s Head of School for the past 13 years. Alumni, parents, former and current faculty and staff, students, partners and colleagues celebrated with a barbeque and paid tribute to her leadership. In his speech to the community, Aidid Brayboy ‘07 said: “Ms. Kemp, you are one of the great artists of the teaching profession. You have made a lasting impression on the world through the lives of the students you have taught. Thank you.”

During her tenure, Ms. Kemp was a tenacious advocate for students and the school. She set high expectations for herself, the students, faculty, and staff, and she empowered others to believe in themselves.

The Board of Trustees appointed a search committee to identify candidates for the Head of School position. The committee, chaired by Bob Ross of the Board, and comprised of Board members, faculty, staff, students, and parents, selected Geoffrey Walker as Fenway’s new Head of School. Geoff has been an education professional for over 16 years, working as a teacher, program director, assistant principal, and principal in the Boston Public Schools. Most recently, he was the Principal of the Escola Americana in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
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