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By email

Hillary Casson, CEO

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Dear Ms. Casson:

Thank you for your letter dated November 21, 2023 regarding the UP Academy Holland Elementary School.

I understand that Boston Public Schools has been steadily reconfiguring grade bands so that students have fewer transitions in their school experience. As such, I approve your request to add a 6th grade to UP Academy Holland to be consistent with the district-wide facilities goals of BPS. An amendment indicating the grade levels the school serves has been made to the Turnaround Plan. Please work with the district to determine logistical considerations to make this change for the 2024-2025 school year.

Sincerely,

Russell D. Johnston

Acting Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education