



Council of School Councils

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System Updates



Students from Syria

- Expecting up to 500 students
- Families begin at the Kingsland Centre for assessment
- Additional LEAD (Literacy, English and Academic Development) classes have been established to meet need
- Trained teachers and supports are available, including interpreters, diversity support, psychologists



Public Engagement

- Work on system-wide approach is progressing
- More than 300 in-person responses, 18 group discussions, more than 6,600 survey responses
- Two firms have been selected by RFP to support this work
- Details about plans and timelines for upcoming engagements will be shared in the coming weeks and months
- A report summarizing perspectives will be available on our website at the end of January
- Update to Board of Trustees at public meeting on Feb. 2



Transportation

- Hired a firm to help review transportation processes and service model
- We must balance expectations for service, funding gap, desire to keep fees low
- Long-term changes will take time, but we're committed to engaging with you on changes and communicating more clearly and with more notice



Budget

- No update yet from the Government on 2016-17 budget
- CBE working to prepare for budget cycle, beginning to assess and prioritize
- Waiting for information and direction from Government about fees
- We are on track against our 2015-16 budget