

West Roxbury, MA 02132

June 21, 2016

Dr. Tommy Chang
Superintendent
Boston Public Schools
2300 Washington Street
Roxbury, MA 02119

Dear Dr. Chang:

It is with a heavy heart that I tender my resignation as Head Master of Boston Latin School, effective July 15, 2016.

My resignation is predicated on the hope that by removing myself, the climate of tension that has permeated the school will dissipate and the focus of BLS will return to the incredibly demanding work at hand.

It is my belief that our school and our efforts here have been unfairly judged, for reasons that go well beyond the walls of BLS. It is unfortunate that at a time when Boston Latin School has made tangible progress to combat racism in our community through constructive dialogue fostered by the student body, others outside the school continue to condemn us, denounce us and hold us responsible for district policies and practices over which the school has no control. This environment has inhibited faculty and students from sharing perspectives and asking questions, all of which are critical to a healthy school climate.

Within the school community, we have been partnering with students, faculty, parents and alumni to implement initiatives that will strengthen our school. We have redoubled our commitment to address issues of interpersonal, institutional and systemic racism. I remain proud of that record and work.

I am also very proud of this year's graduating class of over 400 students heading to the most selective colleges and military academies, including 26 students to Harvard. Indeed, I am proud to say that during my tenure, Boston Latin School has done as well as any school in the nation to support students from all walks of life meet their potential as students, artists, athletes and leaders.

In closing, I remain confident that Boston Latin School will continue to provide an exemplary contemporary classical education to our students, so that they are prepared for successful college studies, responsible and engaged citizenship and a rewarding life.

Sincerely,



Lynne Mooney Teta