



**A WEEK OF ACTION.
A YEAR OF PURPOSE.
A LIFETIME OF PRACTICE.**

**MCCORMACK
BLM AT
SCHOOLS
WEEK OF
ACTION**

Monday 2/1
Tuesday 2/2
Wednesday 2/3
Thursday 2/4
Friday 2/5

WHAT IS BLM AT SCHOOLS?

1. Nationwide program adopted by the BTU and BPS
2. Week of Feb 1- Feb 5
3. A week of programming around the national Black Lives Matter demands
4. An opportunity for us as a district to share a unified message
5. An opportunity to have student voice at the center

WHAT ARE THE NATIONAL DEMANDS?

1. **Hire more Black Teachers**
2. **Fund counselors not cops**
3. **End Zero Tolerance** (we do not practice zero tolerance as a district)
4. **Mandate Black Studies and Ethnic Studies** (the BPS Ethnic Studies committee does NOT want a mandate but more opportunities for students to gain access to this information)

MCCORMACK SCHOOL WIDE BLM EVENTS

- 1) **McCormack 2021 BLM T-Shirt Contest:** facilitate [this lesson](#) with your students and have them submit ideas for our newest school teamwear. **Submissions DUE 2/9/2021**
- 2) **Black Lives Matter Playlist:** Add and choose some staff songs that you can play in class for the week and month and year! [Spreadsheet found here.](#)
- 3) Black History Month/PRIDE Assembly: Date TBD
- 4) Spirit Day: Date TBD
- 5) ????????



MCCORMACK SCHOOL WIDE BLM EVENTS

Ms. Symes is looking for students to be on a ***student panel*** discussing the importance of this social justice movement AND a ***student poet***. If you know any students who would be interested in speaking on the panel or reciting a poem LIVE at our Friday celebration, please share!

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On the following slides you will see a slide for each day/demand and opportunities for how you can get students involved as well as suggestions for in class programming.

DAY 1: MONDAY 2/1

Demand: Hire More Black Teachers

- 1) Wear a BLM t shirt. The BTU has shirts you can buy at the Union hall for \$10, cash or check made out to the BTU.
- 2) Invite students to change their Zoom background or profile image. [Ideas in this folder.](#)
- 3) Facilitate a lesson on introducing students to the demands. [Lessons here.](#)
- 4) Attend the BTU BLM Week of Action Virtual Kick Off event from 4:30-6pm. During this event, Black educators will share lessons they have facilitated. There will be an after party for Black educators sponsored by the B.E.A.T. [Register Here for Zoom Link.](#)
- 5) Take pictures of participation and [share here](#) AND share and tag [#BLMatBTU](#)

DAY 2: TUESDAY 2/2

Demand: Fund Counselors Not Cops

- 1) Invite a counselor to lead a lesson on social emotional wellness to your class.
- 2) Attend the BTU Testimony prep session in the evening from 4:30-5:30PM.
There is a school committee meeting on 2/ 3. [Register for Zoom link here.](#)
Open to ALL.
- 3) Testify at school committee
- 4) Purchase and screen the documentary Personal Statement in class.
- 5) **Take pictures of participation and [share here](#) AND share and tag #BLMatBTU**

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY 2/3

Demand: End Zero Tolerance

- 1) Invite a Restorative Justice coordinator/professional to facilitate a circle around exclusion in schools.
- 2) Screen the documentary Push Out - free with Boston Public Library Card.
- 3) Testify at school committee- sign up at this LINK
- 4) Take pictures of participation and [share here](#) AND share and tag #BLMatBTU

DAY 4: THURSDAY 2/4

Demand: Mandate Black Studies & Ethnic Studies

- 1) Teach an Ethnic Studies lesson- [lessons can found here.](#)
- 2) Attend an Ethnic Studies Open Meeting at 5pm. Register [HERE](#) for Zoom Link
- 3) Facilitate a lesson on Black History. [Lesson ideas can be found here.](#)
- 4) [Sign this petition](#) to tell our MA Legislators we need Anti Racist Curriculum Frameworks!
- 5) [Take pictures of participation and share here](#) **AND share and tag [#BLMatBTU](#)**

DAY 5: FRIDAY 2/5



The BTU presents...

A Year of Purpose Showcase! Celebrating the 2021 BLM Week of
Action

4:30-6pm

- 1) Attend our celebration to hear from student speakers see our district wide slideshow! [Register here for Zoom link.](#)
- 2) **Take pictures of participation and [share here](#) by 4pm for celebration event! **AND share and tag #BLMatBTU****



OTHER AWESOME OFF CAMPUS BLM EVENTS

- 1) Celebrating Black History Month: HBCU Style featuring current students and graduates of HBCUs. Sign up required [HERE](#)
- 2) ???