



**METCO started nearly a decade before the Garrity decision.**

**The purpose of the program was to alleviate racial segregation in Boston and address racial isolation in the suburbs.**

**Is there still work left to be done?**

**What is METCO doing right now to fulfill the promise of Brown vs Board and create integrated school communities?**

# FROM 1966 TO METCO 2.0



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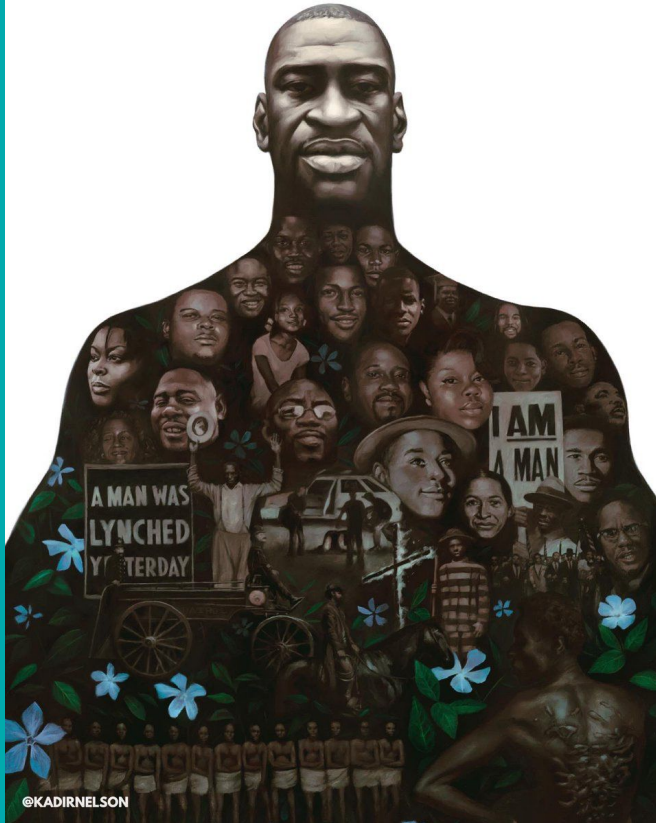
**FULFILLING THE  
PROMISE OF  
INTEGRATION**

# HOW WE GOT HERE



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[METCO, School Leaders Call For Racial Justice In Boston Event](#)



**RACISM IS BOLD**



**METCO CAN BE BOLDER**



**“Business as usual” as a way of life  
must be totally discredited.**

RUTH BATSON





# METCO 2.0

METCO Antiracism Road Map

REMAIN **INSPIRED**

BE **INTENTIONAL**

**INSIST** ON CHANGE

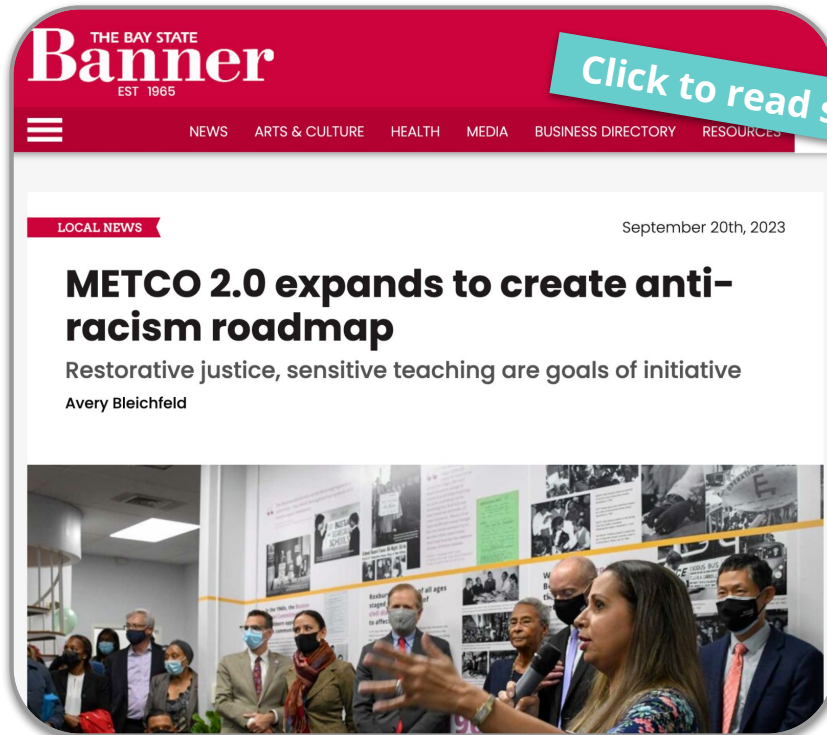


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**Vision:**  
**Every student in a METCO district will experience an inclusive, equitable, and antiracist education.**

# **METCO 2.0 Antiracism Roadmap**

# METCO 2.0 In the News



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## METCO 2.0 expands to create anti-racism roadmap

Restorative justice, sensitive teaching are goals of initiative  
Avery Bleichfeld

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*"We all have school committees and goals and leaders and strategic plans, but we all have one thing in common, and that one thing in common is METCO," Arbaje-Thomas said. "And **if you're participating in METCO, we all have to at least align ourselves in a particular direction** moving forward."*

# A Blueprint for METCO

## 13 Unifying Commitments for Building Just, Equitable, Integrated Schools

METCO Districts  
Provide All **Stakeholders** With:

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1. A Structural Commitment to Racial Equity and Integration
2. Voice and Representation in District Policies and Decisions
3. Ongoing Education About Racism, Equity, and Integration in Schools

METCO Districts  
Provide All **Students** With:

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4. Representative and Inclusive Classroom Pedagogy
5. An Inclusive, Anti-Racist School Environment
6. Equal Inclusion in Extra-Curricular Opportunities
7. Personalized Support for Academic and Postsecondary Success
8. Basic Needs Support and Wraparound Services

METCO Districts  
Provide All **Employees** With:

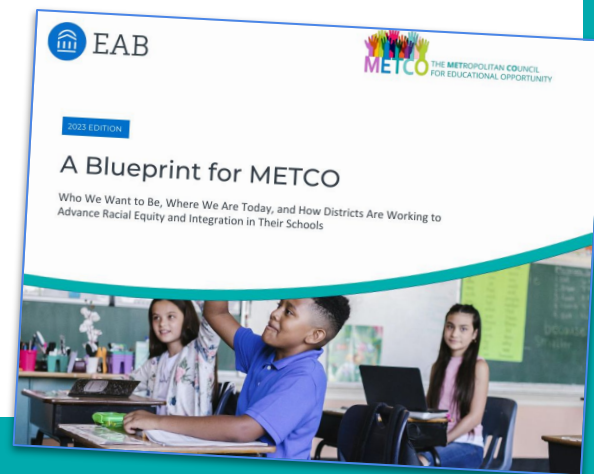
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9. Inclusive and Equitable Hiring and Onboarding Practices
10. Equitable Support for Career Advancement
11. Access to Social and Emotional Supports

METCO Districts  
Provide All **Families** With:

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12. Connection and Agency Within the School and District Community
13. Ways to Support Their Child at School Meetings and Events



FY23 & FY24  
**\$980K Racial Equity  
Pilot Grant** from  
Massachusetts

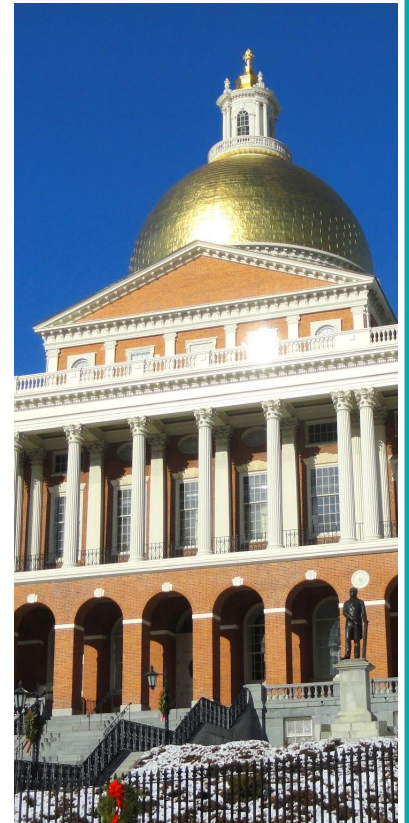


- **Grants to implement antiracist practices** (restorative justice, athletics antiracism, teacher diversity, equity audits, etc)
- **METCO district professional development** for restorative justice practices, Persuasive Conversations workshops, METCO 2.0 Committed Districts cohort, and REI Committee coordination.
- **A Blueprint for METCO and Blueprint Alignment Survey** to highlight and support effective programming and to serve as a self-assessment of equity practices in schools

# Racial Equity Pilot Grant: Year 1

# State Funding Advocacy

- Connect to [Fair Share/Millionaire's Tax](#) revenue (over \$2billion dedicated to Education and Transportation)
- Allows METCO to:
  - **Respond to inflation**
    - Staffing
    - Skyrocketing transportation costs
  - **Support student services**
    - Close achievement gaps
    - Rising special education costs
  - **Deepen our REI work**



# State Budget Advocacy



# Living the Legacy of *Brown v. Board*: 70 Years Later

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“I believe that integration is as much a part of education as is reading, writing, and arithmetic. **We just can’t live in an isolated world.** I can’t think of any more natural way for kids to learn that there are other people in the world than through school.”







Together we are better.



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