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Councilor Flynn's Statement on the First Day of School
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This morning, I joined Boston Public Schools (BPS) teachers and staff at the McKinley South End Academy and the Blackstone School to welcome students for their first day of school.

I met and spoke with BPS staff, school bus drivers and monitors, and parents and students. While students were excited and looking forward to the start of school, I spoke with some parents about bus delays and having to drop off their children at school as buses did not pick them up.

One parent mentioned they drove their child from Hyde Park to a South End School because their bus did not arrive.

In South Boston, another parent reached out to my office saying that she waited and tracked the bus on the new app for 45 minutes with her small child, only for the app to become unavailable and the bus to never arrive. She had to personally take her child to the Murphy School.

As we navigate the first week of school, BPS senior leadership and BPS Transportation need to be in better communication with our parents to ensure that our students are picked up on time.