

# The Opportunity Gap

*“Over the last 40 years upper-income parents have increased the amount they spend on their kids’ enrichment activities, like tutoring and extra-curriculars, by \$5,300 a year. The financially stressed lower classes have only been able to increase their investment by \$480, adjusted for inflation.”*

—New York Times, 7/7/12, David Brooks

87%

of Boston Public School students are students of color

70%

of jobs in Massachusetts will require education beyond high school (by 2018)

78%

of Boston Public School students are from low-income families

67%

of Boston Public School students graduate in four years (2014)

37%

of low income students do not graduate from high school

42%

of Latino students drop out of school

**Students who do not graduate from high school have higher unemployment rates, a greater chance of incarceration, earn less and need more public assistance over their lifetimes.**



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