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Joint statement on upcoming change at the Paul A. Dever Elementary School

June marks the end of Blueprint Schools Network's three-year contract with the state to be the receiver for the Paul A. Dever Elementary School (Dever) in Dorchester, a [Level 5 school](#) of 415 students in grades pre-K through 5.

Although there have been many positive changes, a number of challenges remain. Commissioner Chester has decided those challenges can be met best by granting Boston Superintendent Tommy Chang the authorities of receiver. So, by mutual decision, Commissioner Chester and Blueprint have decided that Blueprint will cease to be the receiver when its contract expires at the end of the current school year. Dr. Chang came to Boston after Blueprint's appointment, and we believe his expertise and ability to work with the Dever as part of a larger system will serve the school well. (This is similar to the situation at the chronically underperforming Parker School in New Bedford, where New Bedford Superintendent Pia Durkin is responsible for the school.)

While Dr. Chang will be responsible for operating the school and implementing the turnaround plan, the Dever will not be subject to the authority of the Boston School Committee. The school remains in state receivership.

Blueprint, BPS and ESE will collaborate on the transition in the coming weeks and months.

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