

**School on the Move Prize Winners
2006 to 2009****2009 School on the Move Prize Winner:****Boston Community Leadership Academy – Brighton**

Boston Community Leadership Academy (BCLA) is a 400-student high school with a commitment to preparing students to be both college ready and community leaders. In 2002, BCLA was the first school to convert from a traditional high school to a pilot school. A strong sense of teacher ownership, a rigorous curriculum, low student to teacher ratios, and extensive supports for students are key components in a strategy designed to increase the college-preparedness and success of the school's graduates.

2008 School on the Move Prize Winner:**Mason Elementary School – Roxbury**

Mason Elementary is a small elementary school that practices full inclusion for its population of students with special needs. All of its classroom teachers are dual-certified in special education and regular education. Converted to Pilot school status in 2003, Mason invests its own budget as well as its partnerships with businesses and universities to provide more adults in each classroom, allowing for lower student-teacher ratios and enabling teachers to more effectively differentiate learning for all levels of students. A strong school-wide focus on analysis of student assessment data has driven changes in teacher practices and has created an impressive cohesiveness among its staff.

2007 School on the Move Prize Winner:**Excel High School – South Boston**

Excel High School was created in 2001 as part of the school district's first experiment with "high school restructuring" to create smaller, more personalized high schools out of the old, under-performing large district high schools. Excel was formed as one of three small high schools housed within the old South Boston High School. Originally organized around a theme of technology, the faculty and administration shifted to a college preparatory focus in 2004, with the arrival of their new headmaster. Impressive teacher collaboration on curricular improvements, and a focus on creating a positive school climate with clear expectations, along with broad ownership and a shared vision for all of Excel's students, have led to dramatic improvements in student achievement.

2006 School on the Move Prize Winner:**Sarah Greenwood K-8 School - Dorchester**

A school that is not afraid to change in order to better meet student needs, the Greenwood has evolved from a K-5 to a K-8 model, from traditional bilingual instruction to one of the city's few "dual-language" schools, and from substantially separate to inclusive instruction of students with special needs. Many of the students enter school with limited English skills, yet the Greenwood has achieved notable success in advancing these students, not just to "Passing," but to Proficient and Advanced status in English Language Arts over time.