

“ I think my students gained a new perspective on college and careers through their participation in the Big Cheese Reads. In addition, they received support and encouragement about education, the importance of literacy in all areas, and the need for perseverance in achieving goals in life. ”

-- Boston Public Schools Teacher



## The Big Cheese Reads FAQs

### ***For Teachers***

**As a teacher you know that preparation is vital for success.** Please read through the information provided to prepare you and your students for your Big Cheese Reader.

### **Do my students need a permission slip to participate?**

Students are not required to have a permission slip. **We ask that every student has had their parent or guardian sign off on the BPS Media Release form handed out at the beginning of the school year.** It is very important if a student's media release has not been signed, that we are made aware. At the readings we take pictures that are included in press releases and other promotional materials and often are being submitted to the media the *day of the reading*.

### **Should my class prepare questions for the reader?**

Yes! Having the students use the biographies that are provided maximizes the mentoring potential of the visit and establishes a much stronger connection between the reader and the students. Appropriate questions include those about their visitor's job, education, advice, reading preference, etc. Please ask your students to refrain from questions such as, "How much money do you make?" as it can make a visitor feel uncomfortable.

\*A note about bios: The readers provide us with their biography. We request student-friendly bios, although it is not unusual that we receive a company bio. We will do our best to provide your class with a student-friendly bio.

### **Will I be introducing the reader?**

Yes, please introduce the reader to your classroom. This will help the reader to feel welcomed.

### **How long will the session last?**

The reader will be in the classroom for approximately 45-60 minutes. This includes both the read aloud and time for Q & A.

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**Who chooses the reading selections?**

Boston Partners in Education provides the readers with five reading selections ahead of time. They select which of the five they will read to the class. Let us know if you have previously covered one of the selections so we can inform the reader.

*Please do not ask the reader to change his or her reading choice the day of the reading.*

**Can Boston Partners provide students with a copy of the chosen selection?**

The readers have the option of waiting to choose the selection they will read up until the morning of the event. Since we do not know what selection will be read, we cannot provide a copy of the selection for every student, although we will provide you with one copy of each selection. If you would like to make copies of the chosen piece after the reading, you may do so.

**How should I handle a reader cancellation?**

We know how disappointing a cancellation is for your class. We try to provide participating classes with readers at the senior management level. The downside of this is that they have incredibly demanding schedules and although it does not happen often, a reader may have to cancel for business requirements.

In the case of a cancellation, there are options. We will try to replace the reader for that day, if possible. If not, and the class size allows, we can combine your class with another small class. Another possibility is to choose a few dates and ask the reader to reschedule with your class. We will work with you to be sure your class has a chance to participate in our program.

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