

# english for **NEW BOSTONIANS**

January 2021

Dear \*{{First Name}}\*,

To the **immigrant workers, parents and business owners** who have persisted in learning English to lift up their families, businesses and livelihoods;

To **ESOL teachers and staff** across the city working tenaciously to find new ways of reaching and keeping students engaged and informed;

To **English for New Bostonians staff, board and consultants** who have broken all previous conceptions of what we can accomplish; and

To **old partners and new** who enable us to reach deeper;

To the **donors and funders** who believe in ENB and make our work possible;

Thank you.

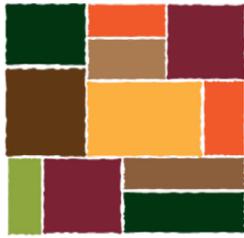
Our shared belief in the American Dream, and belonging, offer a beacon of light even in these dark moments.

***Your faith, trust and financial support of English for New Bostonians will carry us forward as we confront the health and economic crises that leave many immigrants in dire circumstances.***

Thanks to your contributions, ENB enters 2021 poised to meet the moment by:

- Launching the **Boston Immigrant Cooperative Alliance (BICA)** in partnership with the Center for Cooperative Development and Solidarity, the Mayor's Office for Immigrant Advancement and East Boston Harborside Community Center. BICA will feature training and English classes for Latinx immigrants to form worker-owned cooperatives to sustain their families and strengthen the social and economic bonds of their community.
- Opening remote **English for Immigrant Entrepreneurs** classes for small business owners, self-employed contractors and managers needing English and business skills to adapt and grow in today's extremely challenging economic climate.
- Restarting **ESOL for Restaurant Workers classes** adapted for employees to learn remotely from the restaurant dining room or their kitchen table. Our hearts and minds are with these workers and their employer, as they brave the pandemic through the winter, and know that English classes are part of their shared survival and future.
- Continuing **ESOL for Parents and Caregivers classes** in which immigrant parents build their English skills and support their children's learning on- and off-screen, navigate school logistics, and communicate with teachers.
- Expanding **Allies for Immigrants ESOL Corps**, with Boston Cares, will bring more tech savvy tutors to help students use technology, provide much-needed practice time, and support teachers managing remote classes. Next month, we will host our annual **ESOL Skills Training Fair** (virtually!) to connect students with careers paths.

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ESOL students continue to attend English classes, relieved and often gleeful to see their classmates' and teachers' faces on Zoom and to continue progressing with English. In the months ahead, support and training for teachers is a priority, and together we will provide ESOL students the tools to adapt and succeed in the changing labor market.

We continue to seek Chromebooks and hotspots, and job openings for students. We also welcome volunteers, employers ready to explore English language training, and new opportunities to expand our efforts.

With gratitude and warmest wishes for brighter days ahead.

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