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## FROM BIG to small:

### Seven new high schools

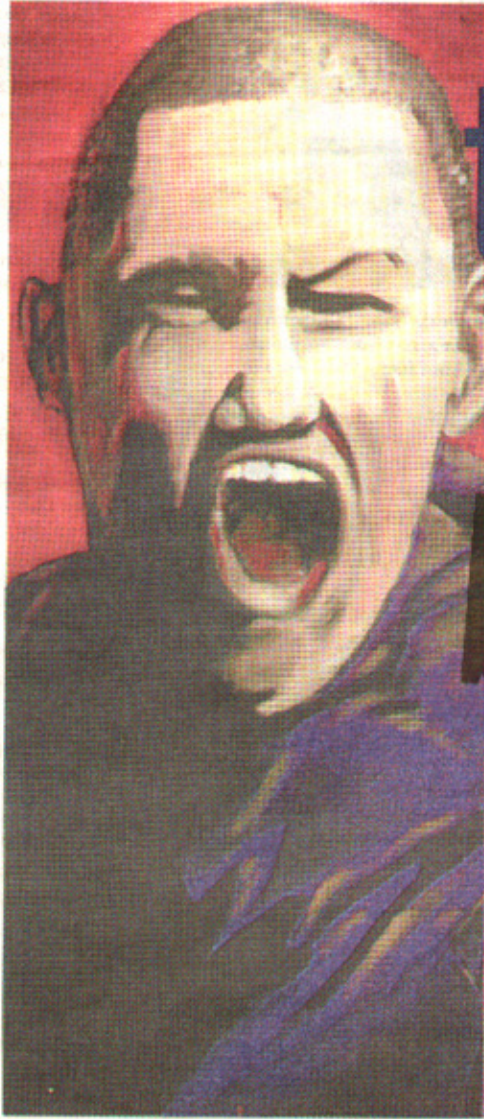
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SEPTEMBER BRINGS a new wardrobe, grade level (for most), and, in the case of this school year, seven new high schools in Boston.

The seven schools that opened this month are in the former West Roxbury High School and Hyde Park High School. This reorganization is due to the High School Renewal goals implemented by Superintendent Thomas W. Payzant and Mayor Thomas M. Menino, as well as a \$13.6 million grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. In 2001, the Small Schools Initiative split the former South Boston High School into three schools and Dorchester High School into four schools, with each school focusing on various themes ranging from environmental science (Odyssey High), to public service (Academy of Public Service), to economics and business (Edward G. Noonan Jr. Business Academy).

West Roxbury High is now made up of the Brook Farm Business and Service Career Academy, Media Communications Technology High School, Parkway Academy of Technology and Health (PATH), and Urban Science Academy. Hyde Park consists of the Community Academy of Science and Health (CASH).

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## Keepin' it real:

Tom Menino talks straight with teens

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MAYOR THOMAS M. MENINO had lunch with a group of teens from the WriteBoston Summer Journalism Institute this summer. Menino spoke about politics, terrorism, and programs for teens.

"Everyone is human and humans are bound to make mistakes," Menino told the group of journalists in training. "The government is supposed to be there to help them."

Since the mayor is passionate about politics and protecting the public, he gave detailed answers to the teens' questions. For example, when asked about Mitt Romney's veto to fund teen pregnancy programs, the mayor said Governor Romney is "on another planet." Menino also said the governor is not making the connection between homelessness, drugs, and violence. Instead, Menino said Romney is limiting programs that would help solve these issues. Menino said if the government keeps cutting funding for programs such as sex education, mental hospitals, and other social programs, government is not doing its job: being there for the people.

Menino said he doesn't keep anything from the public. "It's best to tell the truth. The public

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## DETOUR Girls get ready for the chic fall look

We're back to school! Welcome the new year with the latest fall fashions.—page 20



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