



# Full-service Schools Roundtable

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## Roundtable Report

### Roundtable Steering Committee Welcomes New Members

The Full-service Schools Roundtable has recently invited four individuals to join the Steering Committee and provide strategic direction to its initiatives. New members include:

**William Brown**, Director, Park Street Area Office, Department of Social Services;  
**Antonio Barbosa**, Principal, Winship Elementary School, BPS;  
**Dina Siegal**, Deputy Director, Mayor's Office of Intergovernmental Relations, City of Boston; and  
**Deborah Gray**, Director, School, Family, and Community Partnerships, Office of Family and Community Engagement, BPS.

They join existing members:

**Matt LiPuma**, Executive Director, Family Nurturing Center  
**William Kelley**, Director of Comprehensive Support Services, Unified Student Services, BPS  
**Carolyn Riley**, Senior Director, Unified Student Services, BPS  
**Mary Walsh**, Professor and Director, Center for Child, Family & Community School Partnerships, Boston College School of Education  
**Joy Dryfoos**, author and researcher, member of the Coalition for Community Schools Steering Committee  
**Catalina Montes**, Principal-on-Assignment, Boston Public Schools  
**Bob Kilkenny**, Executive Director, Alliance for Inclusion and Prevention  
**Margot Welch**, Founding Director of Collaborative for Integrated School Services, Harvard University

Membership in the Roundtable has increased four-fold in the past 18 months. To become a member of the Full-service Schools Roundtable, complete the attached member form and return it to Marta Gredler at [mgregler@boston.k12.ma.us](mailto:mgregler@boston.k12.ma.us) or fax it to 617-635-8027.

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## What's Happening in BPS

### BPS School Registration Begins

School Preview Time (SPT) is for all families considering enrollment in the Boston Public Schools. During SPT, schools have special visiting hours and activities to introduce families to their offerings. Please contact the school to let them know when you plan to visit. For more information on schools,

"The Boston Public Schools is widely regarded as among the best urban school districts in the country, and everyone who has visited our schools knows why," said Mayor Thomas M. Menino. "Our challenge is to ensure that members of the community and leaders of business, health care, higher education, and public policy who work here in the city not only receive that message but are actively engaged in the education of our students. It is a great pleasure every year to hear the feedback from our Principal For A Day participants who gain the firsthand experience with our rigorous education program and are witness to the hard work of our students, teachers, and staff."

registration and enrollment, or getting ready for kindergarten, please contact:

[www.bostonpublicschools.org](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org)  
[www.countdowntokindergarten.org](http://www.countdowntokindergarten.org)

BPS Family Resource Centers:  
1216 Dorchester Ave., Dorchester ) 617-635-8015  
55 Malcolm X Blvd., Roxbury ) 617-635-9010  
515 Hyde Park Ave., Roslindale ) 617-635-8040

**School Preview Time Schedule:** November 6, 2006 - January 19, 2007, now including every elementary, K-8, middle and high school. Click below to download schedule:

- [Elementary/K-8 School Schedule - Cape Verdean, Chinese, Haitian, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese](#)
- [Middle/K-8 School Schedule - Cape Verdean, Chinese, Haitian, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese](#)
- [High School Schedule - Cape Verdean, Chinese, Haitian, Portuguese, Somali, Spanish, Vietnamese](#)

**Registration** for the 2007-2008 school year begins on January 5, 2007 for kindergarten and grades 6 and 9 and on February 5 for all other grades. Click [here](#) to find out where and when to register.

"**Ready, Set, Go!**" Step-by-step instructions for the school choice process, including important information about which documents are required for registration.

#### Next School Choice Family Information Session

Tuesday, November 28, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Orchard Gardens K-8 School, 906 Albany St., Roxbury  
(translation available)

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#### Almost 100 Corporate & Civic Leaders Were "Principal for a Day" in City's Public Schools on November 1

Fourth annual event offers leaders insight into efforts that earned Boston Public Schools the prestigious Broad Prize in early October

The Boston Plan for Excellence and the Boston Public Schools hosted the fourth annual jointly sponsored Principal For A Day on November 1 for 95 CEOs, university presidents, nonprofit directors, and elected officials. This year brought to more than 225 the number of corporate and civic leaders who have been a "PFAD" in a Boston public school since October 2003, including five who have taken part all four years.

Principal For A Day is organized by the Boston Plan for Excellence and the Boston Public Schools, with support from Bank of America. Participants spent the morning in a school shadowing the principal, helping resolve questions that come up, observing classroom instruction, and sitting in on study groups led by literacy or math "coaches." Later, the executives met to share experiences and offer their observations in a roundtable with Mayor Menino, Boston school superintendent Michael Contompasis, and Chad Gifford, chairman emeritus of Bank of America and chairman of the board of the Boston Plan for Excellence.

Among those participating this year were the following:

- CEOs or top executives from 23 corporate, financial, or consulting firms including Bank of America, Bridgespan Group, Comcast, Cumberland Farms, Fidelity Investments, Fidelity Management & Research, Genzyme Genetics, Humphrey Enterprises, IBM, Marsh USA, Mellon Financial Corporation, Parthenon Group, PricewaterhouseCoopers, Smith Barney, Suffolk Construction, 033 Asset Management
- Leaders of 27 nonprofits, foundations, or community-based organizations, including Boston Bar Association, Boston Foundation, City Year, Freedom House, Haitian Multi-Service Center, Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción/IBA, Jumpstart, Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights, Nuestra Comunidad, Posse Foundation, Red Sox Foundation, Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts, and Year Up
- Ten elected officials including Suffolk County Sheriff Andrea Cabral and members of the Boston delegation
- Presidents or administrators from four colleges or universities: Simmons College, UMass/Boston, Wentworth Institute of Technology, and Wheelock College
- Leaders from six hospitals or health care insurers: Blue Cross Blue Shield of Massachusetts, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Children's Hospital, Dimock Community Health Center, Harvard Pilgrim, and Partners Healthcare
- Members of seven major law firms including Bingham McCutchen, Brown Rudnick, Choate Hall & Stewart, Edwards Angell Palmer & Dodge, Hale & Dorr, and Nutter McClennen & Fish
- Executives from three major media outlets: Boston Business Journal, WBUR, and WCVB

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## Upcoming Funding Opportunities

### US Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration *Environmental Literacy Grants for Formal K-12 Education*

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will fund grants for environmental literacy projects to be conducted in support of kindergarten through twelfth grade education.

**Funds Available:** A total of \$3,000,000 will be awarded in 4-6 grants.

**Eligibility:** Elementary and secondary public and independent schools and school systems, institutions of higher education, not-for-profit organizations, including science centers and museums, and state and local governments.

**Information:**

Sarah Schoedinger  
Office of Education

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration  
1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 6863  
Washington, DC 20230

Telephone: (704) 370-3528

E-mail: [sarah.schoedinger@noaa.gov](mailto:sarah.schoedinger@noaa.gov)

Link: [www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-IMPACT/2006/October/Day-19/i17536.htm](http://www.epa.gov/fedrgstr/EPA-IMPACT/2006/October/Day-19/i17536.htm)

Visit our website to search past newsletters for funding information:

[www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org](http://www.fullserviceschoolsroundtable.org)

**DEADLINE:** Preliminary Applications due November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006; Final Applications due March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2007

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**Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation**  
*Grants to Support Children*

The mission of the Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation is to foster the healthy development of children's intellectual, social, emotional, and physical skills necessary to achieve their full potential and become competent, happy, and productive adults. The foundation seeks to fulfill this mission by funding a variety of educational, recreational, environmental, and health programs and organizations in a number of different settings, including: public and private schools; after-school programs; summer programs; pre-school programs; community centers; and museums and libraries. During 2006, the foundation is especially interested in children's programming that emphasizes poetry and photography.

**Funds Available:** Grants of \$5,000-120,000; average grant is \$10,000. Approximately 20 grants awarded annually.

**Eligibility:** Tax-exempt, not-for-profit organizations.

**Information:**

Henry L. Berman and Deborah B. Breznay, Trustees  
The Edith Glick Shoolman Children's Foundation  
Post Office Box 549  
Needham Heights, MA 02494  
E-mail: [info@shoolman.org](mailto:info@shoolman.org)  
Link: [www.shoolman.org/](http://www.shoolman.org/)

**DEADLINE:** Concept papers due by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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**Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation**  
*National Child Care Teacher Awards*

The Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation is accepting applications for the National Child Care Teacher Awards that is offered to child care teachers to acknowledge their critical role in providing quality early care and education. Applicants must be teachers of infant, toddler, or preschool age children and are required to design a project to enhance their classroom. The project should demonstrate the educational, social, and emotional benefits for the children and illustrate the critical role of the teacher.

**Funds Available:** Grants of \$500-1,000 as a stipend and \$500 to fund the classroom enhancement project.

**Eligibility:** Childcare teachers employed in home, group, and center-based programs that are fully compliant with local and state regulations for operating childcare programs.

**Information:**

Terri Lynne Lokoff Child Care Foundation  
320 South Henderson Road, Second Floor  
King of Prussia, PA 19406  
Telephone: (610) 992-1140

The Full-service Schools Roundtable appreciates support for its work from The Boston Foundation, Herman and Frieda L. Miller Foundation, Jessie B. Cox Charitable Trust, and an anonymous foundation

Email: [tlccf@childcareabc.org](mailto:tlccf@childcareabc.org)  
Link: <http://www.childcareabc.org/grants/ta/aboutTA.asp>

DEADLINE: December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006

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## For Your Information

Ready by 21

The Forum for Youth Investment and America's Promise Alliance are hosting an audio conference as follow-up on the Ready by 21 presentations at the America's Promise regional forums. These are open to all communities and useful even if you didn't attend any of the forums.

**Maximizing your Community's Change Horsepower Tuesday, November 28, 2-3:30 p.m. EST** Learn more about frameworks and tools that help you assess your community's collective commitment and capacity for change. Using the Core Assumptions about Change, learn how to take stock of your community's current change horsepower in terms of stake holders, strategies and shared accountability.

If you would like to join this call, please RSVP to Tanya Tucker by email at: [tanyat@americaspromise.org](mailto:tanyat@americaspromise.org) or by phone at: 703-535-3880 by November 24th for the call on November 28th. If you have a conflict with this date, but would still like to learn more, please let us know.

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**Cambridge College seeks Workshop Presenters for 2007.** Community workshop sessions focus on topics that show innovative practices, emerging issues and trends, skill building, and other information that might be pertinent. Following the College's tradition, sessions should be highly interactive so that participants get to work with one another and learn from each other as well as the presenter. Sessions take place on Saturdays and run for 2 hours between 9:30 and 1:00 (\$75 per hour).

The following are the workshop dates:  
February 10th - Education  
April 7th - Human Services  
June 9th - Nonprofit Management

Please contact Joel Nitzberg by November 28<sup>th</sup> to indicate whether you or someone you know would be interested in presenting- which date, and the topic. Also, let him know whether there might be people interested in attending, and I will send out a notice to them.

Joel Nitzberg, Director, Institute for Lifelong Learning and Community Building  
Cambridge College, 1000 Massachusetts Ave. Cambridge, MA 02138  
617-873-0218 or [Joel.nitzberg@cambridgecollege.edu](mailto:Joel.nitzberg@cambridgecollege.edu)

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Children's Hospital Community Education Initiative Lecture Series  
Fall 2006

The mission of the Full-service Schools Roundtable is to advance the healthy development and academic success of students in Boston through integrated school/community partnerships. In alignment with BPS goals, the Roundtable increases Boston's capacity to provide comprehensive, school-based supports for children, youth, and families.

**Full-service Schools  
Roundtable Staff**

**Marta Gredler,**  
Executive Director

**AnnaLisa Prada-Fiutak,**  
Program Director

**Norah Kyle,** Graduate  
Intern

*ADHD & Autism Spectrum Disorders*

Wednesday, November 29, 2006  
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
at  
Children's Hospital, Boston  
Enders Building, Byers B

We are pleased to offer an ongoing series of community education initiatives. These have been developed to provide current medical information from Children's Hospital Boston specialists to school nurses, education staff, and community and healthcare providers. We hope that you will join us in this Pediatric Educational series. **Registration fee is \$50 or \$58 including parking.** Pre-registration is required; dinner will be provided. 3 Contact Hours are provided per session.

For more information, contact Christine Doyle:  
[christine.doyle@childrens.harvard.edu](mailto:christine.doyle@childrens.harvard.edu)

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**Celebrate Summer as a Season for Learning**  
*Johns Hopkins University Center for Summer Learning National Conference*

Join summer program providers, teachers, youth workers, managers, researchers, and policy makers to explore summer learning approaches, program management and infrastructure, and research and policy.

April 19 - 20, 2007  
Pre-Conference Institutes, April 18<sup>th</sup>  
at  
Sheraton Atlanta Hotel  
Atlanta, GA

Register Online: [www.summerlearning.org](http://www.summerlearning.org)  
*Discounted registration rate through March 1<sup>st</sup>!*

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***BPS TV***  
**Cable Television About the Boston Public Schools**

Comcast Channel 24 or RCN Channel 16

Weekdays, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Wednesdays, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Thursdays, 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

*Featuring...*

- Educational programming for families
- Professional development for teachers
- News and announcements about the district
- School events and student performances
- Boston School Committee meetings

View the schedule of upcoming shows online at  
[www.bostonpublicschools.org/bps-tv/](http://www.bostonpublicschools.org/bps-tv/)

Watch the live simulcast at [www.cityofboston.gov/cable/live.asp/](http://www.cityofboston.gov/cable/live.asp/)

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### *East Boston School Fair 2006*

Come and learn all about the schools in (Cluster 1) East Boston and Charlestown.

A group of principals, parents and some local organizations from East Boston is organizing this event so families can learn what options they have for schools and after school programs.

**When:** Thursday, December 7, 2006  
**Time:** 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm  
**Place:** Umana/Barnes Middle School 312 Border Street, East Boston, MA

#### We will have

- ✧ School specific information about the public schools in this area
- ✧ Information about after school programs and family services
- ✧ Information about school registration and assignment

For more information call:

Marice Diakite 617-635-8466, Irma Flores 617-567-2750,  
Samuel Hurtado 617-357-8431 x 232, Anne Kelly 617-635-8422.

Event organized by the East Boston Family and Community Engagement Initiative and the East Boston Alliance

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## New & Notable

*Community and Family Engagement: Principals Share What Works*  
A New Publication from the Coalition for Community Schools

Principals are increasingly turning to the community to help them engage families, share resources and meet standards. Informed by the work of principals, this paper finds six keys to community engagement that help school leaders engage families, staff, partners and the larger community in the life of the school. In exploring these keys we asked principals why community engagement matters, what makes doing this work hard and what makes it work. This publication is available to download for free on the Coalition's website. To read more, go to:

<http://www.communityschools.org/CCSDocuments/CommunityAndFamilyEngagement.pdf>

Coming out of this work, the Coalition is forming a network of leaders of principal preparation programs to better understand and disseminate what the best practices around community engagement are. We also hope to share these lessons with preparation programs around the country. If you are aware of principal preparation or professional development programs that emphasize community engagement principles in their curricula, please contact Amy Berg at [berga@iel.org](mailto:berga@iel.org).