



Full-service Schools Roundtable

"partnering for Boston students' success"

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Roundtable Report: SAVE THE DATE!

The Full-service Schools Roundtable kicks off its first Roundtable meeting of the '05 – '06 school year with a **Focus on Families**. Plan to join us:

October 12, 2005
9:30 – 11:30 am
the Boston Foundation
75 Arlington St.
10th Floor Conference Room
Boston, MA

Learn about BPS priorities, new initiatives & resources for schools, and effective strategies for family outreach.

Please RSVP by 10/6/05 to mgredler@boston.k12.ma.us

Program Director joins Roundtable Staff

AnaLisa Prada was recently hired as the Roundtable's Program Director with primary responsibility for training and technical assistance to schools and their community partners. Prior to moving to Boston, AnaLisa served as Director of School Community Partnerships for United Way of Buffalo and Erie County and managed the multi-systems, Closing the Gap in Student Achievement Initiative with Buffalo Public Schools. This initiative focused on helping six schools develop a comprehensive and integrated plan that provides mental health, health, youth development and family support services to children and their families. Please plan to welcome AnaLisa to Boston at our meeting on October 12th.

Roundtable Members in Action

The Financing/Sustainability Workgroup has been reconstituted as the Financing/Sustainability Study Advisory Group to guide a two-year effort, funded by an anonymous foundation to develop a financing/sustainability plan for full-service schools.

For more information, contact Marta Gredler at mgredler@boston.k12.ma.us.

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 - engaging families and the community
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- and
- differentiating instruction"

Superintendent Thomas W Payzant, August 17, 2005
Principal/Headmaster Institute

The Technical Assistance Workgroup has begun compiling tools to provide technical assistance to school and community partners.

Next Meeting Date: Friday, September 23rd, 9:30 – 11 am.

To join, contact Marta Gredler, mgredler@boston.k12.ma.us.

The Data Collection Workgroup is developing a logic model and data system which will help in evaluating the work of the Full-service Schools Roundtable.

Next Meeting Date: TBD

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What's Happening in Boston Public

Schools:

Family and Community Outreach Coordinator Sites Announced

The Boston Public Schools have selected seventeen school sites to pilot new Family and Community Outreach Coordinator positions in an effort to build their capacity to engage families and the community in meaningful ways. There will be 15 positions for the 17 schools with four schools sharing two positions.

The schools were selected after a long process managed by Deputy Superintendent for Family and Community Engagement Karen Richardson and her staff. The goal of the pilot program was to cover a cross-section of schools including level and neighborhood. The 17 schools include eight elementary schools, three middle schools, five high schools and one K - 8 school covering nine different neighborhoods in the city.

The Family and Community Outreach Coordinators will be responsible for developing school-based family engagement systems and activities that create strong supports for teaching, learning and student achievement. They will be responsible for supporting families, teachers and the community in their efforts to assist students in achieving educational excellence. The Coordinator will also provide support for the School Parent Council and the School Site Council in outreach to families, communicating priorities and goals of the school, and engaging parents in the decision-making processes within the school. Ultimately, they will focus on creating a welcoming environment that values parents as full partners in the education of their children.

Coordinators will receive support from the Office of Family and Community Engagement, including ongoing training and professional development. Schools with other positions

devoted to family and community engagement will also have access to these resources, and be invited to participate in a peer network to share best practices.

The 17 schools are:

Condon Elementary School, South Boston
Dever Elementary School, Dorchester
Emerson Elementary School, Roxbury
E. Greenwood School, Hyde Park
Marshall Elementary School, Dorchester
Otis Elementary School, East Boston
Stone Elementary School, Dorchester
Trotter Elementary School, Dorchester
Lewis Middle School, Roxbury
Lewenberg Middle School, Mattapan
Wilson Middle School, Dorchester
Burke High School, Dorchester
O'Bryant High School, Roxbury
Parkway Academy, West Roxbury
Urban Science Academy, West Roxbury
Brighton High School, Brighton
Warren-Prescott K-8 School, Charlestown

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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.

Upcoming Funding Opportunities

The Seth Sprague Educational and Charitable Foundation funds programs with an emphasis on health and human services, education, culture and the arts, and civic affairs and community development. Support is given for general/operating support; matching/challenge support; and program development.

For more information contact Linda R. Franciscovich, The Seth Sprague Educational and Charitable Foundation, c/o U.S. Trust, 114 West 47th Street, New York, NY 10036 or Fax: (212) 852-3377.

DEADLINE: October 1, 2005

EdVestors 2006 CALL FOR CONCEPT PAPERS

EdVestors invites applications from school-based capacity-building initiatives in Boston or Lowell aimed at strengthening teaching and learning in urban schools, with a focus on improving student academic outcomes through professional development, classroom instruction and student support programs, including family engagement. Applicants may be a single school, a group of schools, school districts, or nonprofits working in close collaboration with one or more school partners, serving students in Pre-Kindergarten through Grade 12. For

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a description of the initiatives funded through the 2005 Urban Education Investment Showcase and the EdVestors Collaborative Fund and guidelines, please visit our www.edvestors.org

Concept papers are due Thursday, October 13th at 3:00 p.m.

There will be two information sessions in Boston on Tuesday,

September 20th from 4:00-5:30 pm and Thursday, September 22nd from 9:00-10:30 am at The Boston Foundation, 75 Arlington Street, 10th floor. The same information will be presented at each session.

Please RSVP to info@edvestors.org or by calling 617-585-5740 to confirm the session you are planning to attend.

Questions regarding the guidelines can be emailed to Associate Director Janet Anderson at anderson@edvestors.org. EdVestors, 140 Clarendon Street Boston, MA 02116, 617-585-5740 (phone); 617-585-5749 (fax) www.edvestors.org

Amelia Peabody Foundation funds organizations addressing community needs, education, and social services primarily relating to youth in inner-city neighborhoods with interests in child development and children/youth, services. Support is given for building/renovation, capital campaigns, equipment, general/operating support, matching/challenge support, program development, and seed money. Average grants range from \$20,000 to \$50,000, with a low of \$10,000 to a high of \$1,000,000.

For more information contact: Margaret N. St. Clair, Amelia Peabody Foundation, 1 Hollis Street, Suite 215, Wellesley, MA 02482, Phone: (781) 237-6468, Fax: (781) 237-501, <http://www.ameliapeabody.org>

DEADLINE: October 27, 2005

BOSTnet's "Lead to Opportunities for Youth with Disabilities" (LOYD) initiative is looking to increase the array of academic, social and recreational opportunities for youth with disabilities by strengthening the capacity of children and youth serving agencies to create or expand programming that is *inclusive* of children and youth with disabilities. Eligible organizations are those that have not received LOYD funds in the past, serve and/or propose to recruit children with a wide range of severe disabilities, and serve children and youth ages 5 to 22 years in the Boston area. LOYD grants will range from \$500 to \$25,000 and can be used over more than one year.

For more information contact: Susan Tufts, BOSTnet, 11 Beacon Street, Suite 1000, Boston, MA 02108, Phone: (617) 720-1290 ext. 241 or

(617) 720-1292 TTY, Email: tufts@bostnet.org, <http://www.bostnet.org>.

DEADLINE: October 28, 2005

Edward C. Johnson Fund supports the visual arts, historical preservation, medical institutions, higher education, elementary and secondary schools, and environmental organizations. Support is given for building/renovation; capital campaigns; endowments; program development; and research. Average grants awarded range from \$15,000 to \$200,000.

For more information and application forms contact: Anne-Marie Soulliere, President, Edward C. Johnson Fund, 82 Devonshire Street, S3, Boston, MA 02109, Phone: (617) 563-6806.

DEADLINE: October 30, 2005

Sunfield Foundation, Inc. funds programs which further the availability of education, enhance the lives of others through human

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service organizations, and support and encourage interest in the arts and historic preservation. Support is given for building/renovation; equipment; matching/challenge support; and program development. Grants awarded range from \$2,000 to \$50,000.

For more information and application forms contact: Linda Wiseman, President, Sunfield Foundation, Inc., PO Box 845, Red Bank, NJ 07701, Phone: (732) 219-8648, Fax: (732) 219-8648, Email: sunfieldfdn@usa.net.

DEADLINE: November 1, 2005

Clipper Ship Foundation, Inc. gives priority to organizations devoted to helping the homeless, the destitute, the handicapped, children and the aged, or supplying the special needs of minority, low-income individuals and families. Support is given for building/renovation; capital campaigns; consulting services; continuing support; emergency funds; equipment; general/operating support; matching/challenge support; program development; and technical assistance. AGM Common Proposal form is required. Grants awarded average \$5,000 to \$25,000.

For more information contact: Tegin Teich, Clipper Ship Foundation, Inc., c/o Grants Management Associates, 77 Summer Street, 8th Floor, Boston, MA 02110, Phone: (617) 426-7080 x317, Fax: (617) 426-7087,

Email: tteich@grantsmanagement.com,
<http://www.agmconnect.org/clipper1.html>.

DEADLINE: November 15, 2005

For Your Information

Two Great Resources...

- Download a copy of the BPS Calendar for '05 – '06 at <http://boston.k12.ma.us/schools/BPSCalSY06.pdf>

- Visit <http://www.talklisten.org/tipsheet.pdf> to download a copy of the new brochure "Understanding how teens behave emotionally."

This brochure provides suggestions and guidelines for parents and those working with teens ages 13-15 on what to look for and what to do if there is a question about a teen's emotional health.

Produced by The Boston Coalition for Child and Adolescent Mental Health

With support from Children's Hospital Boston

Conference Announcements

MassHealth Hearing

September 21, 2005

10:00 AM in Room A-1, State House

The legislature's Health Care Financing Committee will be holding a hearing on a number of MassHealth-related bills including:

- Eliminate MassHealth premiums for people below 150% of the poverty level
- Revise the premium structure within the Children's Medical

Security Plan

- Expand MassHealth children's eligibility through age 20
Contact: (617) 275-2939 or www.hcfama.org

"Networking High-Risk Youth Services"

September 22, 2005

8:00 AM – 2:00 PM

The Black Ministerial Alliance of Greater Boston, Inc.

Northeastern University, Curry Student Center, Boston, MA

A Conference to Strengthen and Expand High-Risk

Youth Service Networks as a Catalyst for Societal Change

Workshop sessions include: Reaching out to high-risk youth,

Training and employment opportunities for youth, Scanning

emerging needs and existing services, Working with high-risk

girls, and Partnerships and networks.

For more information contact Patricia Bonner-DuVal, Conference

Coordinator, President, Bonner Enterprises at (617) 232-5453

or Bonnerent@aol.com, or Ellen Bass, Director, Boston Capacity

Tank Black Ministerial Alliance at (617) 445-2737 x28.

To register visit: www.bmaboston.org, click Resources,
registration link

Build the Out-of-School Time Network

Youth Program Resource Fair 2005

October 6, 2005

9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

Artists for Humanity EPICenter

100 West Second St., South Boston, MA 02127

Over 70 resource agencies will be in attendance, representing

the varied fields of: Arts and Culture, Sports and Recreation,

Nutrition, Special Needs, Job Training, College Readiness,

Mentoring, and Community Leadership.

For more information contact Tania Buck at (617) 720-1290 x239 or

buck@bostnet.org or visit the website: www.bostnet.org

Covering Kids and Families Coalition Quarterly Meeting

December 1, 2005

12:30 PM -3:00 PM

Health Care for All, 30 Winter Street, 9th Floor, Boston

For more information and to RSVP contact Heather Geldof

at (617) 275-2938 or hgeldof@hcfama.org