

To: School Committee

From: Superintendent Brenda Cassellius

Date: February 23, 2021

Subject: Information Sharing Policy Working Group Members

The purpose of this memo is to update the members of the Boston School Committee on the status of the working group required under the Policy Regarding Preparing and Sharing Student Incident Reports and Other Student Information with the Boston Police Department (BPD).

Background

The [policy](#), which was passed unanimously by the School Committee at its meeting on September 16, 2020, calls for the Superintendent of the Boston Public Schools (BPS) “to establish a School Safety Working Group (“Working Group”) that will be charged with further discussing issues related to this policy, receiving reports from the superintendent about the district’s implementation of this policy, and making recommendations to the School Committee.”

Membership

According to the policy, the Working Group shall be composed of 12 members, representing the following groups: (i) a BPS student, nominated by the immigration, youth or community advocacy organization noted in (vi) below, with preference given to a student who attends a school that has historically experienced a high volume of arrests or Incident Reports; (ii) a parent or guardian chosen by the Citywide Parent Council; (iii) a member of the Boston Special Education Parents Advisory Council (SpEdPAC); (iv) a teacher chosen by the Boston Teachers Union (BTU); (v) a school leader, assistant principal or dean from a school with an assigned Safety Services employee, chosen by the superintendent; (vi) a representative from an immigration, youth, or community advocacy organization chosen by the School Committee; (vii) a representative from the BPS Office of Opportunity Gaps; (viii) a representative from the BPS operational leader team, or other BPS central office representative with responsibility for advising School Administrators on the Code of Conduct; (ix) a representative from the BPS Department of Safety Services; (x) an individual, who is not an employee of the City of Boston, with expertise in law enforcement and school safety laws and regulations, chosen by the

School Committee; and (xi) two representatives from the superintendent's student data working group (which made recommendations on this policy), nominated by the working group.

Working group members attended two orientation sessions on Monday and Tuesday, February 8th and 9th where they reviewed the policy, reviewed the charge of the working group, discussed the future meeting schedule, and addressed members' questions. The first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 3rd with a second meeting planned for June.

Working Group Members

Devren Edouard is a student at Boston Green Academy, a student athlete and Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) representative. Devren is the member of a BSAC climate, culture, and improvement subcommittee focused on issues including the student information sharing policy and the relationship between BPS, BPD, and federal law enforcement.

Josiehana (Josie) Colon is a student at New Mission High School and the captain of the debate team. She is also a BSAC student representative.

Suleika Soto, Parent Organizer for the Boston Education Justice Alliance, is the mother of two BPS Students, Mykaela who attends TechBoston Academy, and Jazmyn who is at the Blackstone Elementary. Ms. Soto attended the Sumner Elementary after arriving in Boston from the Dominican Republic at age seven, and graduated from the former Dorchester High School. She is a member of the Blackstone School Parent Council and School Site Council, and was recently elected the finance co-chair for the Citywide Parent Council.

Jack Sinnott is the past chair and current board member of Special Education Parent Advisory Council (SPEDPAC), and is the father of three children with IEPs (one autistic and two with ADHD). Mr. Sinnott's work on behalf of the Special Needs community began in middle and high school volunteering summers as a tutor for children with reading disabilities and as an event assistant with the Special Olympics in NYC. Mr. Sinnott graduated from The Millbrook School and cum laud from Boston University. He also served on Mayor Menino's Autism Policy Taskforce.

Nora Paul-Schultz is a Physics teacher at the John D. O'Bryant School of Math and Science. In addition to teaching Physics and Advanced Placement Physics C, she is the club advisor for the Student Immigrant Movement (SIM) Chapter at the O'Bryant, the Muslim Students and Allies Association and the FIRST Robotics team. She is one the leaders of Unafraid Educators, BTU's immigrant rights organizing committee.

Terrance Johnson, the Assistant Principal, Madison Park Vocational Technical High School, is a proud product of the BPS and is a graduate of Madison Park Technical Vocational High School. He earned his Bachelor's degree from Cambridge College and a Master's degree in Special Education from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Since 2014, he has been in pursuit of his Ph. D from the same school. Throughout his 26 years at BPS, he has always pushed for safe, equitable and sustainable urban schooling by knocking down systems of inequality in education. He is interested in this particular working group because he knows that tangible outcomes occur through policy change.

Harold L. Miller, Jr. currently serves as the Interim Assistant Superintendent in the BPS Office of Opportunity Gaps and has served BPS since 2001. Mr. Miller has worked in the Office of Opportunity Gaps since 2016 and has made notable contributions to the entire district throughout his career. Mr. Miller is currently responsible for developing and implementing system level policy, professional learning and coaching, and innovative programming. In his previous role as Senior Director of Policy & District Transformation, Mr. Miller helped develop the Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Goal Monitoring System and managed the Opportunity & Achievement Gaps Policy, where he consulted with nearly every district office and a number of schools.

Dacia Campbell serves as the Assistant Superintendent supporting elementary schools in the BPS Division of Accountability. She is interested in participating in the working group required under the Policy Regarding Preparing and Sharing Student Incident Reports and Other Student Information with the BPD because she wants to ensure that BPS is implementing the policy correctly and supporting students by protecting their privacy and not supporting the school to prison pipeline.

Neva Coakley-Grice serves as the BPS Chief of Safety Services. Chief Coakley-Grice was the only African-American female on the Youth Violence Strike Force and she was one of the only women leaders as part of the nationally-recognized Operation Homefront, as well as Operation Ceasefire, Operation Night Light, and the Department of Youth Services's Re-Entry Program - all key components of the City of Boston's focus on more effectively connecting with children and teenagers. She also led the coordination of the RISE Program and the Camp Frank A. Day Program, and was spokesperson for three Boston Police Commissioners. In 2019, Chief Coakley-Grice was awarded the prestigious Spirit of MAWLE (Massachusetts Association of Women in Law Enforcement) Mentoring Award. More recently, Chief Coakley-Grice worked in the newly formulated Bureau of Community Engagement.

Valeria Do Vale, Lead Coordinator, Student Immigrant Movement immigrated from Brazil at the age of seven with her family, and has resided in Boston for most of her life. She became involved in the immigration movement during her freshman year of high school and is an

organizer for the Student Immigrant Movement, working towards justice and access to higher education for people of color. She is a graduate of the John D. O’Bryant High School.

Elizabeth Badger is the Senior Staff Attorney at PAIR and manages the Access to Justice for Immigrant Families initiative. Elizabeth received her J.D. from Boston University Law School and received her B.A., from Dartmouth College. After law school, she served as an Immigration Law Clerk at the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. Elizabeth has worked in immigration law for over a decade, focusing on representing non-citizen children, asylum-seekers, victims of crimes, and persons in prolonged immigration detention.

School Safety Working Group Boston School Committee Appointees

Angelica Martinez wears two hats at the East Boston Ecumenical Community Council (EBCC). She is the Youth Coordinator for Aspiring, where she is responsible for coordinating, developing, and implementing projects that integrate the resources, learning, and computer/digital technology into program activities. Overseeing the daily operations of the computer lab and participating in other youth programming is within the scope of her work. As an ESL Teacher, she teaches ESL level III. Angelica has a Bachelor of Fine Arts, Art History, and Painting from Mass College of Arts & Design, Boston. She is the recipient of the 2017 Excellence in Art History Award, and an expert in Middle Eastern Antiquity, plus supplementary knowledge of the art and culture of Japan, Mesoamerica, Italy. She is fluent in English and Spanish and working knowledge of Italian.

Georgina Orellana is a junior at East Boston High School and an East Boston resident.

Javier Flores is the managing partner of Dinsmore's Boston office. He has diverse litigation experience representing clients in complex commercial matters, including breach of contract, class action, and unfair business practices claims. Furthermore, Javier has successfully represented businesses throughout the country in catastrophic injury cases, including product liability, professional liability, and general liability claims. Javier has served in numerous leadership positions in legal and civic organizations, including within the Hispanic National Bar Association. He is a member of the board of directors for Inquilinos Boricuas en Acción and recently served on the board for the Massachusetts Association of Hispanic Attorneys. Additionally, Javier was a 2017 Leadership Council on Litigation Diversity Fellow, and is a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association’s Diversity Task Force.

Name	Organization	Membership Outlined in Policy
Devren Edouard, Student	Boston Green Academy	(i) a BPS student, nominated by the

		immigration, youth or community advocacy organization noted in (vi) below, with preference given to a student who attends a school that has historically experienced a high volume of arrests or Incident Reports
Josiehana Colon, Student	New Mission High School	(i) a BPS student, nominated by the immigration, youth or community advocacy organization noted in (vi) below, with preference given to a student who attends a school that has historically experienced a high volume of arrests or Incident Reports
Suleika Soto, Parent Organizer	Boston Education Justice Alliance	(ii) a parent or guardian chosen by the Citywide Parent Council
Jack Sinnott	Special Education Parent Advisory Council	(iii) a member of the Boston Special Education Parents Advisory Council
Nora Paul Shultz, Physics Teacher	John D. O’Bryant School of Mathematics and Science	(iv) a teacher chosen by the Boston Teachers Union (BTU)
Terrance Johnson, Assistant Principal	Madison Park Vocational Technical High School	(v) a school leader, assistant principal or dean from a school with an assigned Safety Services employee, chosen by the superintendent
*Georgina Orellana, Student *Angelica Martinez, Staff	East Boston Ecumenical Community Council	(i) a BPS student, nominated by the immigration, youth or community advocacy

		organization noted in (vi) below, with preference given to a student who attends a school that has historically experienced a high volume of arrests or Incident Reports
Harold Miller, Interim Assistant Superintendent	BPS Office of Opportunity Gaps	(vii) a representative from the BPS Office of Opportunity Gaps
Dacia Campbell, Assistant Superintendent	BPS Division of Accountability	(viii) a representative from the BPS operational leader team, or other BPS central office representative with responsibility for advising School Administrators on the Code of Conduct
Neva Coakley-Grice, Chief	BPS Safety Services	(ix) a representative from the BPS Department of Safety Services
*Javier Flores, Partner	Dinsmore	(x) an individual, who is not an employee of the City of Boston, with expertise in law enforcement and school safety laws and regulations, chosen by the School Committee
Valeria Do Vale, Lead Coordinator	Student Immigrant Movement	(xi) one of two representatives from the superintendent's student data working group (which made recommendations on this policy), nominated by the working group.

Elizabeth Badger, Senior Staff Attorney	PAIR Project	(xi) one of two representatives from the superintendent's student data working group (which made recommendations on this policy), nominated by the working group.
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