

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



MEMORANDUM

TO: Fellow Boston School Committee Members
FROM: Michael Loconto, Chairperson, Boston School Committee
SUBJECT: Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force Nomination
DATE: February 6, 2019

Tonight I present for the Committee's consideration the nomination of Rev. Willie Bodrick II to serve as a member of the School Committee's Opportunity and Achievement Gaps (OAG) Task Force. As chairperson of the Boston Network for Black Student Achievement and associate pastor at the Historic Twelfth Baptist Church, Rev. Bodrick has proven to be a critical thought partner in the district's efforts to close education gaps.

Established in 2015, the OAG Task Force was charged with updating the district's OAG policy. Since the approval of the updated policy in 2016, the OAG Task Force has remained active as a monitoring body. The Task Force has worked closely with Dr. Colin Rose, Assistant Superintendent for the Office of Opportunity Gaps, to monitor the district's implementation of the policy. I am grateful to co-chairs Jeri Robinson, School Committee member, Ayele Shakur, CEO of Build, and Pastor Sam Acevedo, executive director of the Boston Higher Education Resource Center, for leading this critical work.

The co-chairs and I are in the process of finalizing other nominees, and we will share those names with the Committee in the coming weeks. I ask that the Committee take action on these nominations at the February 27, 2019 School Committee meeting.