

THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF BOSTON



MEMORANDUM

To: Boston School Committee
From: Michael O'Neill, Chair and Hardin Coleman, Vice Chair
Re: Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force Membership Update
Date: October 14, 2015
Cc: Dr. Tommy Chang, Superintendent

At our September 15th meeting, the Committee approved the membership of the Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force, with a few slots to be named in the near future.

We are pleased to recommend for your approval this evening the following additions to the Opportunity and Achievement Gaps Task Force:

- **Ron Walker**, executive director and founding member, Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color
- **Filiberto Santiago-Lizardi**, teacher, Timilty Middle School, and Boston Teachers Union representative
- **Keondre McClay**, student, Edward M. Kennedy Academy for Health Careers and Boston Student Advisory Council (BSAC) representative (**Kenny Feng**, student, Josiah Quincy Upper School, will serve as the BSAC alternate, a non-voting position)

(Note: The liaison from the Inclusion Task Force is still being determined.)

In addition, we are delighted to welcome the following (non-voting) national academic advisors, who will provide expertise and guidance to the Task Force:

- **Dr. John Jackson**, president and CEO of The Schott Foundation for Public Education. In this role, Dr. Jackson leads the Foundation's efforts to ensure a high quality public education for all students regardless of race or gender. Dr. Jackson joined the Schott Foundation after seven productive years in leadership positions at the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).
- **Dr. Pedro Noguera** is the Peter L. Agnew Professor of Education at New York University. Dr. Noguera is a sociologist whose scholarship and research focuses on the ways in which schools are influenced by social and economic conditions, as well as by demographic trends in local, regional, and global contexts.

Finally, we have confirmed interest from two additional academic advisors who are considering the time commitment involved. We hope to bring those names forward for your consideration in the near future.