

City of Boston

In School Committee

November 4, 2009

ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNERS TASK FORCE

ORDERED, That the School Committee immediately establishes an English Language (ELL) Task Force to provide guidance to the School Committee, the Superintendent and Boston Public Schools (BPS), to develop a plan of action that responds to the new demographics of BPS students whose first language is not English, and to identify mechanisms to address the needs of our increasing multi-cultural and multilingual district and its students.

The ELL Task Force will focus upon the following areas: strategic planning; parent and community involvement; LEP/SPED students; initial identification, assessment, and program placement; evaluation and accountability; funding and resources; and multiculturalism and bilingualism. The Task Force may add to these objectives as it deems necessary.

The Task Force will seek input and recommendations from students, parents, teachers, principals, support staff, and administrators, as well as external partners and relevant stakeholders.

The Task Force will be comprised of two co-chairs, School Committee member Claudio Martinez and Barr Foundation Senior Advisor Klare Shaw, as well as the members listed on the attached page.

The Task Force will make its final recommendations to the School Committee and the Superintendent in the fall of 2010.

On roll call, the order was approved by the following vote:

YEAS – Helen M. Dájer, Claudio Martinez, Michael D. O'Neill, Vice-Chairperson
Marchelle Raynor, and Chairperson Rev. Gregory G. Groover - 5

NAYS – 0

ABSENT – Alfreda J. Harris and Elizabeth Reilinger - 2

Attest:



Elizabeth A. Sullivan
Executive Secretary