

# **Boston Youth Transitions Task Force Draft Agenda**

***Friday, October 16, 8:30-10:30 am  
PIC Office  
555 Amory Street, Jamaica Plain (617-524-5224)***

## **I. Welcome and introductions**

Neil Sullivan  
*Boston Private Industry Council*

## **II. Updates**

- Commission report release event  
Marissa Cole  
*Rennie Center for Education, Research & Policy*
- ESE news  
Stafford Peat  
*Department of Elementary and Secondary Education*
- GED changes  
Michael Farma  
*Boston Centers for Youth and Families*
- Alternative education planning  
Philip Jackson  
*Boston Public Schools*
- Truancy Watch  
Mark Gillespie  
*MBTA Police*
- MDOC forum  
Charmaine Arthur-Neverson  
*Multicultural Dropout Outreach Collaborative*

## **III. Re-Engagement Center**

Karen Cowan, Wilson Santos  
Rajen Bhatt  
*Boston Public Schools*  
Emmanuel Allen, Marvin Moore  
*Boston Private Industry Council*

## **IV. BPS middle school strategies**

Jeff Riley  
*Boston Public Schools*

## **V. Fifth anniversary reflections**

Discussion

### ***Youth Transition meeting dates***

*Friday, Nov 13  
Friday, Dec 11*

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## ***Boston Youth Transitions Recommendations***

1. Refine dropout data collection methods & deepen the analysis.
2. Develop early intervention strategies and an outreach and referral system for dropouts.
3. Increase the number and the variety of alternatives.
4. Create school climates that are welcoming and respectful for students and parents.
5. Increase coordination among agencies to close gaps.
6. Develop revenue strategies for alternative programs, early intervention and outreach to dropouts.