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One of Jourdan Christopher's subjects on the platform at JFK-UMass.

## ‘Aloneness’ drives this artist to study strangers living life

BY DANIEL SHEEHAN  
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

When describing his personal philosophy, the Dorchester-based writer and photographer Jourdan Christopher says the idea of “aloneness” forms “the basis of all his artistic forms. I’ve always felt like people were distant from me.”

In a recent interview with the *Reporter*, Christopher explained: “I felt like I needed to go out and live life to understand the point of connection with other individuals, when in actuality my humanity



Jourdan Christopher, street photographer.

in myself is my point of connection.”

Recognizing that aloneness in, even in a bustling city environment, is what informed Christopher’s street photography series “Strangers in Bos-

ton.” The photographs – Christopher estimates he has taken at least 70,000 since moving to Boston in 2014 – depict Bostonians in everyday situations: riding the T, crossing the street, loitering outside storefronts. The way he sees it, each of his subjects shares a commonality. “All of these individuals are alone together,” he explained. “Once I figured out every person has an aspect of aloneness, I started to connect to the individual. Even in groups, there’s

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## Cullinane: ‘I will not be a candidate for re-election’; cites need for family time

BY BILL FORRY  
EDITOR

State Rep. Dan Cullinane will not seek re-election to his seat in the House of Representatives this fall. Cullinane, 36, has held the 12th Suffolk seat — which includes parts of Dorchester, Mattapan, and Milton — since winning a hotly contested special election in 2013.

“After much thought and deep reflection with my family over the holidays and throughout January, I have made the decision that I will not be a candidate for re-election as state representative,” Cullinane said in a statement shared with the *Reporter* this week.



Dan Cullinane  
First elected in '13

“This was the hardest decision of my professional career,” he added, “but taking a step back from the demands of public life at the conclusion of this term is the right decision for my young family.”

Cullinane and his wife, Emily, live in Dorchester with two children, William, 2, and Isabel, 8 months. “Both have changed our lives in so many special ways and brought us more joy than we could have ever imagined,” the legislator said. “For me, this is the right time to move on from elected office to put my family first.”

On Tuesday, Cullinane said that he intends to complete his term in office, which ends in December of this year. “While I may not yet know what the next chapter in my career will be,” he said, “it is my full intention at this time to keep my commitment

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## Brothers pitch a pot shop at Freeport Street property

BY KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF

Two brothers who run existing businesses in Fields Corner hope to add a cannabis retail shop in a now-vacant office building on Freeport Street to their portfolio. Brian and Jason Chavez made their pitch to the Clam Point Civic Association on Monday evening.

The Chavezes have formed a new company — Massachusetts Citizens for Social Equity (MCSE) — and are seeking approval to open the business on the first floor of 43 Freeport St. just east of Dorchester Ave.

“Being residents of the community, we felt it was appropriate for us to be part of this new industry, said Brian Chavez, who owns and operates Antonio’s HiFi Pizza and Bosburger on the avenue. “Our goal is to provide safe access to anybody that chooses to purchase cannabis. And as your neighbor, we plan to have a business that is safe, clean, and secure.”



George Chavez presented the proposal for a cannabis retail store.

Katie Trojano photo

The shop would occupy 4,500 square-feet on the first floor, a setup that will require internal renovations. The building, owned by the Susi family, also includes on-site parking and an off-site loading area. Proposed hours of operation for the store are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., daily.

According to Chavez, the team plans to exclusively hire local applicants to fill roughly 20-30 positions.

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## Who’s backing who for president among local electeds?

BY KATIE TROJANO  
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On March 3, voters in Massachusetts and fifteen other states will head to the polls to vote for a candidate in national primary elections. Here in Boston,

some political leaders have already made their preference known, with hometown candidate Sen. Elizabeth Warren the most common choice, while others are holding off on publicly backing a candidate.

US Rep. Ayanna Pressley was out early and often for her top choice — Sen. Warren. The first-term Congresswoman announced her endorsement of Warren last November and has become a key surrogate

for her in early primary states.

In a January interview with the *Reporter*, she explained why Warren is her top pick.

“She’s my senator, she’s my friend, she’s my partner,” Pressley said.

“I’m honored to be her co-chair. And I want to make something abundantly clear. I didn’t give Elizabeth Warren anything. She earned my endorsement because I paid attention and I

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# DOT BY THE DAY

## Feb. 16 - 24, 2020

A snapshot look at key upcoming events in and around the neighborhood for your weekly planner.

**Sunday (16th)** – Dorchester Historical Society hosts 2 p.m. program “All About Chocolate: Local History, Global Perspective and a Sampling” at the William Clapp House, 195 Boston St., Dorchester. Gain insights on the Dorchester connection to the industry and sample two different chocolates. The guest speaker will be Victoria Kichuk, owner/founder of Cocoa Beantown Tours and Tastings.

**Wednesday (19th)** – Character breakfast at Florian Hall to benefit the BCYF Leahy Holloran center from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Buffet with DJ, meet and greet Mickey and Minnie, Cinderella, Transformers and more. Child ticket: \$22; adult (ages 13-up) \$28; table \$240.

**Thursday (20th)** – Children’s Winter Festival on Boston Common from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sponsored by Mayor Walsh and the Highland Foundation. Attractions will include the 45-foot-long Toboggan Tunnel mountainous adventure with twin roller lanes, the Snow Mazing maze, the Snowzilla Jr. inflatable winter-themed slide, a ride on the three-car Trackless Train, and hands-on games including Giant Connect4, Baggo, Giant Horseshoes, Inflatable Skee Ball, and much more. In addition, Disney is celebrating the release of FROZEN 2 available on Digital February 11 and Blu-ray™ February 25 with free giveaways and a chance to win a copy of the movie For more information, please call the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at 617-635-4505 or visit cityofboston.gov/parks.

**Friday (21st)** – Neighborhood Children’s Theatre presents “The Sound of Music” at 1p.m. and 7 p.m. at St. John Paul II Catholic Academy, 239 Neponset Ave., Dorchester. All tickets: \$5.

**Saturday (22nd)** – Join storyteller Valerie Stephens for a special Black History Month program featuring cross-cultural folk tales at the Fields Corner BPL branch, 1520 Dorchester Ave., 10 a.m. • Franklin Park Winter Festival will be held from 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. at the Franklin Park Clubhouse, 1 Circuit Dr., Dorchester. Enjoy a cozy day of games, crafts, nature walks, hot cocoa, and more. If snow is on the ground, get ready for sledding and snowman building. This is a free family event open to the public. All ages are welcome.

**Monday (24th)** – Early voting for the state’s presidential primary begins today at Boston City Hall and continues through Feb. 28 at City Hall and select locations. Check your voter status at boston.gov/elections. Election day is Tuesday, March 3.

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# UMass Board picks Suárez-Orozco as Dorchester campus chancellor

By KATIE LANNAN  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

With a unanimous vote of the University of Massachusetts trustees on Monday, Marcelo Suárez-Orozco became the new chancellor of UMass Boston. UMass President Marty Meehan said the vote, through one lens, marked “the completion of a journey that began more than four decades ago, when two parents, in what must have been a wrenching decision, gave their 17-year-old son an airplane ticket and sent him off to America to flee Argentina’s gathering storm clouds of terror.”

It also marked the end to a winding and at times rocky road to find new leadership for the Dorchester campus. The search that resulted in the selection of Suárez-Orozco as the lone finalist began in August 2019, about 15 months after a previous attempt fell apart when all three finalists withdrew from consideration after visiting the campus. UMass officials praised the process followed in the second search.

This time around, Meehan told reporters, more students, faculty, deans, and alumni from UMass Boston were involved in the search process. A faculty member — psychology professor Jean Rhodes — served as the vice chair of the committee.

“I think over a period of time when any university goes through difficult times, it’s a lot of listening,” Meehan said after the vote. “It’s important, I think, basically getting a fundamental



Marcelo Suárez-Orozco will “hit the ground running.” SHNS photo

understanding of what expectations were on the part of faculty, on the part of the deans, and on the part of trustees and students.”

Board of Trustees Chairman Robert Manning said UMass Boston “is in a much better spot today than it was during the first search,” pointing to budgeting decisions under Interim Chancellor Katherine Newman, the potential for \$235 million in new revenue through a deal to develop the school’s former Bayside Expo Center site, and a project to fix the campus’s crumbling original substructure.

“The new chancellor coming in, Marcelo, he’s going to hit the ground running and have a foundation that’s in much better shape than it was a few years ago,” Manning said.

Suárez-Orozco’s salary and start date have not yet been set, according to Meehan’s office. Newman currently earns an annual rate of \$280,000.

Suárez-Orozco will come to UMass Boston

from the University of California Los Angeles, where he leads two departments, 16 research institutes, and two demonstration schools as the Wasserman Dean of Education and Information Studies.

“It is an excellent university,” he said of UMass Boston. “And we shall endeavor, together with a marvelous faculty and staff, to take it to the next level of excellence, of relevance, of importance for the city and for the commonwealth moving forward.”

Kush Patel, a student trustee who is studying political science at UMass Boston, said that students he has talked to appreciate their new chancellor’s background and that many left a question-and-answer session with Suárez-Orozco believing that he’s the right fit.

“This campus is looking for a chancellor that will prioritize the student agenda, a home for all types of students,” Patel said.

# Police shoot man wielding knife

An officer whose partner was trying to stop a man who had repeatedly stabbed another person on Adams Street late Monday night shot the man in the thigh when he turned his knife toward the partner. Boston Police Commissioner William Gross said of-

ficers were on patrol around 11:25 p.m. when they spotted one man repeatedly stabbing another in a fight outside 208 Adams St., near Dorchester Ave.

The man refused orders to stop and when one officer tried to pull him away from the vic-

tim, he tried to stab the officer - whose partner shot him, Gross said while noting that the officers then applied a tourniquet to the alleged assailant’s leg.

Both men were taken to local hospitals and were in stable condition, Gross said.

# Police & Courts

**A shooting death in Uphams Corner** – A Dorchester man who was shot on Friday evening outside 566 Columbia Road, near Hancock Street, was pronounced dead after he was taken a local hospital, according to Boston Police.

Andrew Farley, 62, was found mortally wounded around 6:30 p.m. The murder was Boston’s fifth, and Dorchester’s fourth, in 2020.

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A Mattapan man who was killed by police following a confrontation outside a Boston hospital last Friday that also left a hospital employee critically injured had a history of mental illness and a “gentle soul,” his parents said. Authorities identified the man killed by police Friday as Juston Root. Police said he was shot and killed after he refused to drop what appeared to be a firearm.

Boston Police Superintendent-in-Chief Gregory Long said on Friday that officers responded to reports of a man with a gun outside Brigham and Women’s Hospital sometime after 9 a.m. Long said police confronted the man, who pulled out what appeared to be a firearm and refused orders to drop it. Officers opened fire, and at some point, a parking attendant was shot. A hospital spokeswoman told the *Globe* that the attendant was in good condition on Saturday night.

On Friday, police said that it was unclear whether the valet was shot by the suspect or hit in the crossfire. They have also not said what kind of gun the man had, or whether he fired a shot. They also said the man at one point assaulted one of the officers before jumping into a car and fleeing. With police in pursuit, he crashed the car about three miles away in Brookline.

Officers again repeatedly demanded the suspect to drop what they believed was a gun before again opening fire, Long said. Root died at Beth Israel Hospital.

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**President’s Day week events at JFK Library** – The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will offer several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents’ Day week, including its signature Presidents’ Day Family Festival on February 17 featuring presidential storytelling, activities and performances. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the Festival will highlight presentations by actors portraying Sojourner Truth and Lucretia Mott. A *Celebrate!* series presentation of “Tales from African Traditions” by Valerie Tutson will take place on February 19, and family-friendly Highlights Tours will be offered throughout the week. For more information, call 866-JFK-1960 or visit jfklibrary.org.

**Lower Mills Civic meeting on Feb. 18** – The Lower Mills Civic Association will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. at St. Gregory auditorium. Senator Nick Collins is scheduled to speak. Also on the agenda: an update on status of funding for the Walter Baker sign.

**Ward 17 Dems to caucus on Feb. 25** – The Ward 17 Democratic Committee, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, will hold its caucus on Tues., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Union Hall, 1157 Adams St., Dorchester. At this caucus, Democrats will elect 23 delegates and 5

alternates to the Democratic State convention to be held on May 30, 2020 in Lowell. Any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can run to be a delegate, and any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can vote for delegates, provided they are present at the caucus and have signed in before registration closes. Residents of Ward 17 who are eligible to vote may register at the caucus during the registration period. Doors will open by 6:30, and will be locked at 7:15, when registration will close. For more information, email Joyce Linehan at joyce@ashmontmedia.com or visit massdems.org.

**Registration now open for Dorchester Baseball** – Registration is now underway online for Dorchester Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at dorchesterlittleleague.org or dorchesterbaberuth.org. Financial assistance available upon request.

**Franklin Park Zoo hosts fundraiser for animals in Australia**— In response to the catastrophic bushfires in Australia, Zoo New England will host All for Australia on Thurs., Feb. 13 at 6 p.m., an evening ticketed fundraiser inside Franklin Park Zoo’s Tropical Forest Pavilion. All event proceeds will benefit Zoos Victoria’s Bushfire Emergency Wildlife Fund, which is supporting the critical care and long-term recovery of Australian wildlife. Tickets are

\$30 and include hors d’oeuvres, animal encounters, and musical performances by The Bag Family Band. Franklin Park Zoo is home to a number of animals native to Australia including red kangaroo, emu, Gouldian finch, black swan, tawny frogmouth, laughing kookaburra, Australian walking stick, blue-tongued skink, sulphur crested cockatoo, budgerigar, palm cockatoo, and more. To get tickets, go to [zoonewengland.org/engage/all-for-australia/](http://zoonewengland.org/engage/all-for-australia/)

**The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off** – will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Local 103 IBEW at 256 Freeport St. to benefit Dorchester Day Parade. More than 20 entrants representing restaurants, civic associations, youth groups, and community organizations, vie for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. There is live entertainment, games and prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes in four categories: Best of Show, Best Non-Beef, Most Creative Dish and Team Spirit (decorations, costumes, enthusiasm.) The People’s Choice award earns its winner the golden bean pot and bragging rights.

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# Pure Oasis, city’s first cannabis shop, will open up in Grove Hall next month

By ZENINJOR ENWEMEKA  
WBUR REPORTER

Boston is finally getting its first pot shop. The Cannabis Control Commission (CCC) granted a final license to Pure Oasis last Thursday. The approval, which brings recreational marijuana to the state’s capital, comes nearly four years after voters legalized recreational marijuana.

Pure Oasis co-founder Kobie Evans said last week that he is aiming to open for business next month, adding that he can’t wait to welcome customers into his Dorchester shop in the coming weeks. “It’s been a very long road. So, you know, to finally see daylight is beyond ecstatic. I don’t even know if we have words for where we’re at emotionally about being at this point. We’re excited.”

Evans and his business partner, Kevin Hart, have been making plans to open a dispensary since recreational marijuana was legalized in Massachusetts in 2016. They hit up friends and family for funding. They secured a storefront. And plowed their way through all the paperwork, inspections, and permitting.

The business is located

on Blue Hill Avenue, in the Grove Hall section of Dorchester. Inside, the shop is light and airy with crisp white walls, a shiny charcoal-colored floor, and several plants hanging in the windows. “The goal is to have a good cross-section of product and have a blend of superior products,” Evans said.

There’s a separate lobby area so customers can wait inside instead of on the street to enter the dispensary. As customers enter, they’ll see a large green sign on the wall that reads, “Welcome to Pure Oasis. Grove Hall. Boston’s First.”

“A little presumptuous, but if it didn’t work out, then we’d be putting up a new sign,” Evans said. “But, we’re happy to be in Grove Hall. We have deep roots in the neighborhood so we can celebrate that. And we’re excited to be Boston’s first.”

Pure Oasis is also the first marijuana business in the state to benefit from what’s known as Economic Empowerment status, which gives some businesses a faster review of their applications. Those businesses must be owned by, employ or benefit people in

communities disproportionately criminalized for marijuana. Pure Oasis is in the group because Evans lives in Dorchester and plans to employ people from the community.

“We’re very happy that Boston will be the first place for an economic empowerment designee,” said Alexis Tkachuk, the city of Boston’s director of emerging industries.

By law, state regulators are required to ensure that groups disproportionately impacted by the war on drugs are part of the new legal cannabis industry. But many economic empowerment applicants have struggled to get through the licensing process.

Some applicants say the local process is slow, burdensome, and may not consider equity at all. Some also say corporations are monopolizing the licensing process. Marijuana businesses are required to have agreements — called “host community agreements” — with the cities or towns where they plan to operate.

Tkachuk says the city of Boston is focused on equity in the industry. Mayor Marty Walsh recently signed an ordinance to prioritize di-

verse applicants, and provide them resources and assistance. The initiative came as the city faced criticism for moving too slow to approve pot shops.

So far, Boston has signed agreements with 14 marijuana businesses. Three of them are economic empowerment applicants. Tkachuk says several more marijuana stores could open in the coming months, but the roll out largely depends on the state’s process.

“It is up to the state to conduct inspections, background checks, to ensure that those who are applying are, in fact, who they say they are,” Tkachuk said. “So, the frustrations are understood. However, it is not because of the city moving slowly. We send our applications up to the state and we’re beholden to their decisions and their timeline in the process.”

State regulators, however, blame cities and towns for the delays some applicants are experiencing.

There are 122 businesses that have economic empowerment status,

according to the CCC. Only 24 have completed license applications.

For his part, Evans says it feels bittersweet to be the first — and only — economic empowerment applicant to come this far.

“We wanted to be the next generation of trailblazers to provide an example to the residents of the neighborhood, to the young people, to the budding entrepreneurs, that, you know, these things are possible.”

WBUR 90.9FM published this story on its website on Feb. 6. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

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# T accelerating shutdowns in pursuit of improvements

## 100 or so have been hired to enhance pace of critical repair work

By CHRIS LISINSKI  
STATE HOUSE  
NEWS SERVICE

Traveling on an MBTA train will get more challenging this year, but officials promise passengers that it will all be worth it in the long run. All five main MBTA lines and parts of the commuter rail will now see shutdowns in 2020 in an expanded push to complete maintenance work more quickly.

Most of the effects will be additional overnight or weekend closures, but in an unprecedented move, large chunks of the Green Line's C and E branches will each be taken offline for a full month. Gov. Baker, Transportation Secretary Stephanie Pollack, and MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said last Friday that the plan, which builds on a model launched



**MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said shutdown plans for 2020 will be far more sweeping than last year, with about five times the amount of work planned.**  
*Chris Lisinski/SHNS photo*

last year, can complete track replacement and station improvements up to eight years faster than with traditional methods.

"The goal of all this work is to deliver a safer, modern, more reliable T faster," Baker said at a press conference in a

Brookline MBTA maintenance facility, against a backdrop showing a brand-new Green Line car.

Every line will experience newly announced service disruptions in addition to previously scheduled closures as part of the accelerated

maintenance effort.

Shuttle buses will be provided for passengers during some diversions, while the T will increase the frequency of trains on nearby lines during other shutdowns. Poftak said MBTA officials are "actively discussing" setting aside dedicated road space for buses to improve efficiency.

The most dramatic changes are on the Green Line. The C branch between Kenmore and Cleveland Circle running through Brookline will be offline for 28 days in July, while the E branch from Prudential to Heath Street through Longwood Medical Center and Mission Hill will be offline for 28 days in August.

Other Green Line branches will also see disruptions. The B branch between Boston College and Babcock Street will not run on weekends in May and June, and the D branch will not have evening or weekend service until 2021.

On the Red Line, trains

will not run on April weekends between Alewife and Harvard. The Blue Line will be offline between Bowdoin and Airport on weekends from May through November. A stretch of the Orange Line from Sullivan Square to Tufts will continue weekend closures into mid-February, and Oak Grove to Sullivan Square will be offline on weekends from October through December.

Silver Line service at Courthouse Station will be street-level only on weekends from August through December.

The T already planned to shutter weekend train service for several commuter rail lines, and as part of the expanded maintenance plan, the Franklin Line from South Station to Forge Park will be replaced by buses on weekends through March.

Officials acknowledged that the plan will create headaches for commuters, but they said the tradeoff will

result in a more reliable public transit system. Construction of new Green Line track in 2020, Pollack said, will allow the T to eliminate speed restrictions and improve travel time by four minutes.

"Right now, the most disruptive thing that happens on the T is the unplanned shutdown, the train that breaks in service, the mechanical failure that shuts down a train," Pollack said. "The reason that we are asking our customers to tolerate these planned disruptions to their commute is to reduce and, hopefully some point, nearly eliminate the unplanned disruptions that really have been the biggest complaint we hear from our customers."

At Baker's suggestion, the T launched an accelerated maintenance plan last year after a derailment and months of delays on the Red Line prompted scrutiny of the system's aging infrastructure and frequent challenges. An outside panel later concluded that the T does not sufficiently prioritize safety culture.

Baker proposed a one-time, \$50 million allocation to fund additional work, but the Legislature ultimately approved only \$32 million of that amount as the House prepares to debate raising long-term transportation revenues. The governor is seeking the remaining \$18 million in a separate bill.

The MBTA added 10 weekend shutdowns in the second half of 2019, but plans for 2020 are far more sweeping with about five times the amount of work planned, Poftak said. Crews will replace 29 miles of track, including almost a quarter of the entire Green Line, over the course of the projects.

"We listened to our customers," Poftak said. "Last year we heard them loud and clear: fixing the MBTA at our previous pace was not good enough. We needed to build a better T, and we needed to do it faster."

Poftak told reporters the MBTA already has the staffing it will need to accomplish the accelerated repair plan and, particularly if the Legislature approves the remaining \$18 million sought by Baker, the money to pay for it.

"We have been actively hiring," he said. "The MBTA has hired almost 600 people in this fiscal year. We will continue to do that. In particular, we have added almost 100 positions in the critical departments in engineering and maintenance that will serve as support for this."

## MBTA employees lauded for reporting on safety concerns

The T has made a new effort to praise employees who flag safety issues and has compiled all preventative maintenance inspection requirements into a single list as it works to address cracks in its safety culture, MBTA General Manager Steve Poftak said Monday.

Several initiatives are underway, Poftak said, inspired by an outside panel's December report that found "safety is not the priority at the T." Poftak said his team has pushed to encourage workers to proactively

report any safety issues they notice, a practice the panel said was not taking place frequently enough because of fears of retaliation.

In the latest employee newsletter, the T also featured the motorperson who flagged a strange noise on the new Orange Line cars and prompted repairs, Poftak said at an MBTA board meeting.

"We want to send the message to the organization: that person did the right thing," he said.

Officials also created an inventory of every

preventative maintenance inspection necessary to keep trains and buses running — the first time ever that the MBTA gathered all of that information in one centralized place, Poftak said.

That inventory, combined with an assessment of what T employees now do and what they should be doing more regularly, will help influence the budget process and how the MBTA continues efforts to increase its workforce.

— CHRIS LISINSKI  
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In celebration of Presidents' Day, the Kennedy Library will host its ninth annual *Family Festival*. Historic guests, creative activities, live musical performances as well as Museum hands-on programs will bring the Library to life in new ways for all ages. In honor of the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, special activities and performances will highlight the importance of voting and women's contributions to American history. Visit [jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay](http://jfklibrary.org/PresidentsDay) for more details.

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# This year, Boston Calling asks Notez to perform in its festival

By DANIEL SHEEHAN  
ARTS & FEATURES EDITOR

Last year, local multi-dimensional artist Cliff Notez played a key role in organizing Boston Answering, a concert hosted at the Strand Theatre designed as a response to Boston Calling and the festival's omission of Boston-based talent, particularly hip-hop and R&B artists, on its bill. In a turn of events, when Boston Calling announced its lineup for the 2020 edition of the festival last week, Cliff Notez's name was on the flyer.

The rapper/filmmaker/producer from Dorchester told the *Reporter* in an interview that while he was thrilled and grateful, his initial reaction to the news was "complicated." "At first, it was a shock when I got the phone call," he said. "Sometimes I don't realize who's paying attention

and who's looking at what we're doing. Oftentimes it feels like I'm just working in a vacuum... But it kind of told me that maybe we're doing something right." After earning honors for Best New Artist at the 2018 Boston Music Awards, Notez released his sophomore album, "Why the Wild Things Are," in September of last year to critical acclaim. And with the success of Boston Answering, Boston Calling organizers likely had no choice but to take notice this time around. "I think we got our message across for sure, but do I think we're done working? No. There's still a lot more work to do. And I think they realized they have a lot of work to do, too," said Notez, who added that the experience has made him realize "it's hard to satisfy everybody." To the festival's credit,

this year's bill includes a host of other local talent, including producer/MC DJ Real P – who "does great things for the city," noted Notez – and the genre-bending group Camp Blood. Notez praised the latter, a band that blends elements of rap, punk, and metal, for their artistic boldness. "I think what they do is really important, especially in terms of pushing the dial. Tyler the Creator said some stuff the other day about winning a Grammy for a hip-hop album despite his album being anything but hip hop. They're doing kind of the same thing in terms of challenging you and pushing the dial on what your expectations are."

Seeing Boston's vibrant hip-hop scene better represented at Boston Calling is certainly a victory, but Notez emphasized that it's only a first step. He wants to make sure more of his peers have the same opportunity he has earned: "We don't want to walk through this door and let it shut behind us; we want to leave the door open and then go on to break down the door and the door frame." In the coming months, Notez will grapple with the reality of sharing a stage with Brittany Howard and Foo Fighters, artists he's admired for years. And while Notez said he wishes he could "bring the whole city on stage" with him, he knows his set will need to be balanced to accommodate stage and time restrictions.

But his band will definitely



Cliff Notez

nitely be there to back him, as well as saxophonist Tim Hall and other musicians from Hipstory, the record label/media company he founded.

"I'm excited to be in front of a lot of people performing songs I love, with people I love, and with people I love in the crowd," he said.

Notez said that he had had an emotional roller coaster of a week; as an avid basketball player and Kobe Bryant superfan, news of the NBA icon's untimely death hit hard.

"I literally listened to him twice a week, watching old interviews. I've been studying him since I was a kid."

But Bryant's passing has also imbued Notez with a revitalized sense of purpose, he said.

"One thing he left with me is just the knowledge that the work is never done. I have so much more work to do, and if I care about it I have so much more to achieve. [Boston Calling] is a great accomplishment but this isn't the last one and I don't want it to be the last one. Kobe always had such determination to keep going, keep getting better, keep pushing, and on top of that, he pushed everyone else around him."

"That's one thing I learned from him at an early age, especially with basketball, is that he's only as good as the people alongside him. I'm happy that the rest of my crew is also growing, the rest of my crew is being shined on."

*Cliff Notez is slated to perform on Sun., May 24, the final day of the three-day festival. Tickets and more information at bostoncalling.com.*

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**Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 14, 11 a.m.** – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Sat., Feb. 15, 9:30 a.m.** – Citizenship Test Preparation Class. **Tues., Feb. 18, All Day** – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 10:30 a.m. – Unleash the Amazing Quilter in You; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories. **Wed., Feb. 19, All Day** – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map. **Thurs., Feb. 20, All Day** – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 3 p.m. – Play Songs & Games. **Fri., Feb. 21, All Day** – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 11 a.m. – Stories, Stories, Stories; 2 p.m. – All About Anansi. **Sat., Feb. 22, All Day** – Community Puzzle Drop-In: Africa Map; 9:30 a.m. – Citizenship Preparation Class. **Mon., Feb. 24, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help.

**FIELDS CORNER BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Feb. 13, 10:30 a.m.** – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Tech Help; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 14, 9:30 a.m.** – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. – Preschool Storytime; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. **Tues., Feb. 18, 4 p.m.** – BTU Homework Help; 5:30 p.m. – Tracing Our Roots Workshop; 6 p.m. – Tracing Our Roots; 6:30 p.m. – Hatha Yoga. **Wed., Feb. 19, 10 a.m.** – Adult Stress Relief Coloring; Boston Baroque: Classics for Kids; 11 a.m. – Boston Baroque: Classics for Kids. **Thurs., Feb. 20, 10:30 a.m.** – Films and Fun; 3 p.m. – Mike the Bubble Man; Tech Help. **Fri., Feb. 21, 9:30 a.m.** – Lapsit Story Time; 10:30 a.m. Preschool Story Time; 2 p.m. – Friday Afternoon Fun. **Sat., Feb. 22, 10 a.m.** – The Seasons & Other Things.

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**Thurs., Feb. 13, 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help; 5 p.m. – USCIS Information Hours; 5:30 p.m. – TILL Autism Workshop. **Fri., Feb. 14, 2:30 p.m.** – Teen Gaming. **Sat., Feb. 15, 2 p.m.** – Teen Resume Workshop. **Tues., Feb. 18, 10 a.m.** – Music and Movement; 10:30 a.m. – Mike the Bubble Man; 3 p.m. – Chess Club; 5:30 p.m. – Tracing Our Roots Workshops. **Wed., Feb. 18, 11:30 a.m.** – Acrobatics with Li Liu; 1:30 p.m. – Knit/Crochet Circle; 2 p.m. – African Mask Making Workshop. **Fri., Feb. 21, 2 p.m.** – All About Anansi; 2:30 p.m. – Teen Gaming.

**LOWER MILLS BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Feb. 13 – 3:30 p.m.** – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 14, 10:30 a.m.** – Little Wiggles' Lapsit. **Tues., Feb. 18, 4 p.m.** – Technology Help. **Wed., Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.** – Preschool Storytime & Craft; 2:30 p.m. – Acrobatics with Li Liu. **Thurs., Feb. 20 – 6:30 p.m.** – Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI. **Fri., Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.** – Little Wiggles' Lapsit.

**MATTAPAN BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Feb. 13, 6 p.m.** – Sleepy Story Time; 6:30 p.m. – Gentle Yoga. **Fri., Feb. 14, 10 a.m.** – Baby & Toddler Lapsit; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. **Wed., Feb. 19, 10:30 a.m.** – Toddler Time. **Fri., Feb. 21, 10 a.m.** – Baby & Toddler Lapsit; 10:30 a.m. – Hugs & Play. **Mon., Feb. 24, 10:30 a.m.** – Hugs & Play. **Wed., Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m.** – Toddler Time. **Thurs., Feb. 27, 6 p.m.** – Sleepy Story Time.

**UPHAMS CORNER BRANCH**  
**Thurs., Feb. 13, – All Day** – Drop-In Valentine's Day Crafts; 3:30 p.m. – Homework Help; 4 p.m. – BTU Homework Help. **Fri., Feb. 14, – All Day** – Drop-In Valentine's Day Crafts; 10:30 a.m. – Reading Readiness. **Tues., Feb. 18 – 10:30 a.m.** – Relax and Release Yoga; 2:30 p.m. – Acrobatics with Li Liu; 5:30 p.m. – Tracing Our Roots Workshop. **Wed., Feb. 19, All Day** – Black History Themed Crafts; 11 a.m. – Ballet Story Time. **Thurs., Feb. 20, 12 p.m.** – Board Game Afternoon. **Fri., Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.** – Reading Readiness; 2 p.m. – LEGO Builders.

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**Proposals are due by 4 pm on 6 March 2020**

### LEGAL NOTICE

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ESTATE OF:  
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To all interested persons:  
A Petition for S/A - Late and Limited Formal Testacy and/or Appointment has been filed by Elaine Fuller of Wewoka, OK and Elaine J. Fuller of Wewoka, OK requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition. The Petitioner requests that: Elaine Fuller of Wewoka, OK and Elaine Fuller of Wewoka, OK be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve Without Surety on the bond in an unsupervised administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 02/27/2020.  
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Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: January 14, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
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### Cake and recycling to celebrate Little Joe's 27th birthday

It's Little Joe's 27th birthday on Feb. 17 and you're invited to the party. The gorilla exhibit at Franklin Park Zoo will be festively decorated and the gorillas will enjoy treats made especially for them. (The gorillas will go on exhibit at 10:15 a.m.)

Guests will also have the opportunity to sign a giant birthday card for Little Joe and enjoy cake from Montilio's Baking Company, available first come, first served. Stay around to explore the rest of the Tropical Forest, where there will be special zookeeper chats and crafts for February school vacation week.

In honor of Little Joe's birthday, help the environment by recycling your own phone or tablet. Franklin Park Zoo has teamed up with Eco-Cell, a company that partners with zoos across the country, to collect your recycled cell phones and refurbish them for reuse.

Visit the gorilla exhibit in Franklin Park Zoo's Tropical Forest, where you'll see a large Eco-Cell collection box in which you can drop off any used electronics listed at [franklinparkzoo.org](http://franklinparkzoo.org).

### Clap students get to practice safe routes on 'Winter Walk'

Students and staff at Roger Clap Innovation School last week went on an annual "Winter Walk," an initiative of MassDOT that works to increase safe biking and walking-to-school habits for elementary and middle school-aged students.

Students at the Harvest Street school practiced looking both ways before crossing, and employed the "sneak and peek" method to make sure no cars were coming as they walked the block around their school with teachers and staff.

Said City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George, "I think that it's such a wonderful way to talk to our kids about street smarts and safely crossing streets. It's also a great way for our kids to explore their neighborhoods and their school neighborhoods. It's not just about walking to school and the benefits of that. It's about getting kids out and exploring their school neighborhoods and communities."

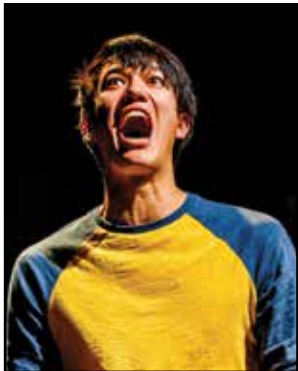
The Safe Routes to School (SRTS) Program is a federally funded initiative of MassDOT that works to increase safe biking and walking among elementary and middle school students by using a collaborative, community-focused approach.

— KATIE TROJANO



The Clap students head out on their winter walk. Roger Clap School photo

### All Saints choir alum stars in new 'Wolf Play' at BPL's Rabb Hall



Minh-Anh Day

Minh-Anh Day, a Boston resident and actor who was a choirboy for ten years in All Saints Ashmont Choir, will star in the new production "Wolf Play" at Rabb Hall in Copley Boston Public Library over the next three weekends.

An original play written by Hansol Jung, and produced by Company One Theater, "Wolf Play" centers around the life of a Korean boy who finds himself caught between his former adoptive parents and a new couple who have adopted him.

Minh-Anh Day is a senior studying theater and symbolics systems at Stanford University. His play "Thirteenth Night" has been workshopped by Actors' Shakespeare Project. He also will appear in "Free Guy," a movie starring Ryan Reynolds that will open in July.

Of "Wolf Hall," Company One Theatre says that it is producing it "to amplify that every child deserves love and a fighting chance to heal from personal and cultural trauma; the many ways people become family and the extreme lengths they may go to protect the pack; the tools needed to navigate the thin dividing line between vulnerability and violence; local efforts to support the lived experiences of transracial and transnational adoptees; and accessible theatre that opens conversations for all, thanks to Pay-What-You-Want ticketing and the support of the Boston Public Library.

The show is 90 minutes long, without intermission. Pay-what-you-want tickets are available online at [companyone.org](http://companyone.org). Should you be considering bringing children, please be advised there are "four-letter" words in the script.

— DANIEL SHEEHAN

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Ashmont Station in earlier times



In 1872, the Old Colony & Newport Railway Corp built the Shawmut Branch Railroad as a connection between the Dorchester and Milton Branch and the main line to Boston. The new branch spread off from the Old Colony at Harrison Square at Clam Point to Fields Corner, Shawmut Station, and Ashmont, and the rails continued on to meet the Dorchester and Milton Branch Railroad after running through Cedar Grove Cemetery. Ashmont was a railroad suburb before Dorchester was a streetcar suburb. Construction of substantial houses both east and west of Peabody Square soon followed.

Until 1895, the station house for Ashmont was located at the north side of Peabody Square. The elaborate towered building is shown in an image from an 1895 calendar issued by the Dorchester Mutual Fire Insurance Company. A new station was built that year on the south side of the intersection between the tracks and Dorchester Avenue. The second image among is a real-photo postcard that shows the news station, and the third image is real-photo postcard showing the brick station house that was built in the 1920s, when the line became electrified.

The archive of these historical posts can be viewed on the blog at [dorchesterhistorical-society.org](http://dorchesterhistorical-society.org). The Dorchester Historical Society's historic houses are open on different dates. The Lemuel Clap House (1712 and remodeled 1765) at 199 Boston Street is open on the third Saturday of each month. The James Blake House, 735 Columbia Road (1661) and the William Clap House, 195 Boston Street (1806) are open on the third Sunday of each month. Open hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Editorial

# Move the first one to Massachusetts

In the wake of the first two presidential election events — in Iowa and New Hampshire — the clamor has begun to re-shuffle the primary election deck in the years to come. Both states, critics argue, are bereft of the kind of diversity that one might think would underpin a modern-day democracy concerned with inclusion and picking a representative candidate.

But that raises the question: If not New Hampshire, which state should be the first to go to the polls.

We like what MSNBC anchor and commentator Lawrence O'Donnell told WGBH-TV on the subject: "It should be Massachusetts. It should be a state that is geographically small so the candidates can get around the whole state, preferably within one day, and the news media can follow them. But that state must have everything that America has. It has to have major league baseball, it has to have black people, it has to have rural communities, it has to have farms, it has to have everything that America has. Massachusetts is one of those states."

The Sisters of St. Joseph, who taught Lawrence O'Donnell at St. Brendan's, would be very proud of O'Donnell's pitch for the hometown brand.

But Lawrence is onto something here, no?

One thing about taking New Hampshire out of the pole position it now holds is that our own state — which overlaps in terms of media markets with the Granite State — would lose out on the chance to hear more from early candidates, many of whom start stumping north of the border a full year before the polls open. One of the reasons that Massachusetts has consistently fielded legit contenders for the Oval Office like Kennedy, Dukakis, Kerry, Romney, Warren has been their proximity and familiarity to the people of New Hampshire, many of whom are native to the Boston area or at least have an affinity for the politicians across the border.

Taking NH off the early electoral board would also diminish the influence of Boston area politicians, where whole generations of them have cut their teeth in the national game up in the Lakes Regions and White Mountains.

Sure, Massachusetts is a reliably blue state in the national context, but our electorate has also proven that it likes to dose its progressive plasma with a regular infusion of moderation in the form of Republican governors. In the 29 years since 1991, Republican moderates have sat in the state's executive suite for a combined 21 years — with only Deval Patrick interrupting the trend.

But if shuffling Massachusetts to the top of the primary deck is too much of a stretch, how about staging a New England primary — with each of the six states coordinating its own election on the same day. The regional primary would allow for more of a mixture of rural and big city vote, while also making it easier for candidates to crisscross a fairly compact region. Or perhaps throw in New York and dub it the "Northeast Regional" and give an even more diverse electorate an early voice in the nomination process.

While doing that, scrap Iowa's faulty caucus setup altogether and push the primary season a bit deeper into the spring, giving more candidates more time to make their case.

Not everyone agrees that the formula is broken, of course. Whoever emerges as the winner of this election cycle is not likely to beat the reform drum loudly, since the process in place will have panned out for him or her. But, from where we sit in the middle of the 2020 primary season, it certainly feels like change is afoot.

Bill Forry

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# This is what we believe: Our children deserve access to their city's best jobs

By Beverly Williams and Judith Baker  
Special to The Reporter

Too many of Boston's black and brown children are locked into hypersegregated neighborhoods and hypersegregated schools. Meanwhile, Boston's better-paid workforce is hypersegregated, too. In no way does this reflect the population of this city.

We believe that the "achievement gap" is a short-sighted way to describe the real gap in opportunities that the children of Boston face. We believe that the schools are being asked to carry the whole burden of preparing our children for equality of opportunity, when in fact it will take the whole city to raise up our students. Boston schools alone, no matter how diverse, cannot provide their students with all the opportunities that will allow them to compete in today's workforce, accumulate wealth, and attain the status and respect of their wealthier peers.

Much is being said about the need to give our students better educations. The governor points to success in the Lawrence schools, saying that money is not the whole solution. The mayor has promised significant budget increases and the Legislature has revised school-funding formulas. The Boston Foundation implies that bringing "white middle class" families "back" into the system will help. The new superintendent offers an action plan to improve the relationship between home and school. Meanwhile, employers say they can't find enough qualified workers of color to create the diversity they value.

We offer another perspective on why there is such an "achievement gap," not only in test scores but also in employment, wealth, and even life span, between black and brown communities and their white counterpart communities and how to change things.

Far too many Boston family members and caregivers are paid such low wages that they need to work two or three jobs to pay rents on apartments too small for families. Excluded themselves from the better jobs in Boston, they have great difficulty preparing their children for those positions. The childrens' academic success is based almost exclusively on superficial measurements, mostly test scores, that are barely related to their chances for success in post high school employment. We actually believe that our children are equal to all other children — in every way. But it is very hard for them to get motivated to study things that they have had no personal exposure to. How can they aspire to professional preparation for occupations they don't know exist? The gap we want

# Driver's licenses for undocumented immigrants will make everyone safer

By Martin J. Walsh

A driver's license is fundamentally a tool of public safety. It requires that all drivers receive training, pass a driver's test, get their vision checked, and know the rules of the road. It also allows cars to get insured, providing more safety checks and resources.

That's why everyone who needs to drive on our roads should be licensed. It means better drivers and safer roads — for everyone who uses them. For a long time, Massachusetts has had a major barrier to universal licensing — a ban on licenses for the immigrants who, due to our long-outdated immigration system, are working in our industries and living in our communities without proper documentation.

These are people who we need to get licenses — and would get licenses, if they could. These are hard workers that many industries and employers rely on. They are parents who depend on carpools to get their kids to school or themselves to work. They are college graduates whose visas expired and can no longer hold a license. They are our neighbors who started new lives here after fleeing natural disasters, and are worried about when their Temporary Protected Status will end and their ability to drive will be taken away. They are the countless mothers and fathers whose American-born children will never have to face this barrier. The Work and Family Mobility Act would extend the ability to obtain a standard Massachusetts driver's license to our state's undocumented immigrants.

I've long been supportive of this initiative, going back to when I was a state representative on Beacon Hill. For years, these efforts have come up short, but 2020 is the year we can finally move forward. I'm proud to join our immigrant community partners and other government officials, public safety leaders, small businesses, and labor organizations to endorse this bill. This measure has been the subject of controversy over the years.

But here's what I see more clearly than ever since I've been mayor. This bill is not about where you stand on immigration. It's a public safety bill. It's about making our communities safer. This is not a risky or unprecedented measure. So far, 17 other states and jurisdictions have passed laws providing undocumented immigrants access to

addressed is the gap between the excluded and the isolated and the included and the connected, and our students must start being included.

We believe that too many of our students and their families are locked out of the best jobs in the city — whether in tech, biomedical, construction, or finance — and that if we don't change this, we will be having the same conversation about why Boston schools or Boston teachers underserve certain populations over and over again — but not a conversation about why the rest of Boston is not taking ownership of hypersegregation and its effects on our kids' futures.

We ask that the city work with us to devise a plan to break down the barriers that block our children and their families from access to Boston's best jobs and even from knowledge of what those jobs are. We propose a citywide discussion — with politicians, businesspeople, educators from pre-K to postgraduate, and other community groups — about how to break down those barriers. At what age should we begin to bring our students and their families up to the 20th floor of a downtown building or into a laboratory in a biomedical research facility so that they begin to breathe in the possibilities for themselves and begin to get a very clear understanding of why this or that school subject is *for them*, and not just a scary, potentially failing test score.

We envision a city in which our children see a wide world of work opportunities in Metro Boston from a very young age and are continually being assured that they belong in it at all levels. We envision a city where the whole of the jobs and professional world has seen the children, has accepted their participation in it, and has made room for them in all of it. We envision a city where our children are seen as valuable additions to the work force and where education, outreach, and other access policies are put into place that make sure this participation happens. We envision a city in which our childrens' success is not evaluated by test scores and graduation rates but rather by entry into the mainstream where they earn enough to continue to live here and where they bring their distinct talents to contribute to the success of the whole city.

*Beverly Williams and Judith Baker are Dorchester residents and retired teachers with long experience in the Boston Public Schools. Williams is the co-chair of the Greater Boston Interfaith Organization (GBIO) and Baker is a member of Friends of Madison Park and of GBIO.*

driver's licenses — states such as New York, Delaware, California, and Connecticut.

According to a recent study, since implementing this change, Connecticut has seen a major reduction in hit-and-run crashes — 9 percent between 2016 and 2018 — and a steep decline in the number of people found guilty of driving without a license. This is a policy that works, and is producing measurable results.

The Work and Family Mobility Act could similarly make our state safer by creating better trained, better regulated drivers on our roads. It will also help bolster positive relations between our immigrant communities and public safety officials.

Our residents shouldn't live in fear of our police officers because of their immigration status or their driving status. Our police officers need residents to trust them, so they can feel comfortable in coming forward, reporting crimes, and helping with investigations. And our public safety officers should be able to fulfill their duties and build positive relationships with the people they serve. That's why, in Boston, we passed the Trust Act in 2014 and strengthened it in 2019.

The Work and Family Mobility Act will reinforce our culture of trust in Boston and help make the entire Commonwealth safer for all. In addition, this bill recognizes the many ways our immigrants contribute to our society. There are an estimated 275,000 undocumented immigrants living in Massachusetts. They run small businesses, work multiple jobs, and pay their taxes. They contribute to our community and help keep our economy running. This measure will help us recognize and value immigrants as full members of our communities.

Signing this bill into law will have a major impact on the lives of otherwise hardworking and responsible residents who deserve to have their driver's licenses. And it will ultimately make our roads safer for everyone. Let's lead with our values and replace these roadblocks with opportunities.

*Martin J. Walsh is the mayor of Boston.*  
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# Cullinane: ‘I will not be a candidate for re-election’

(Continued from page 1) to the people of the 12th Suffolk District by finishing the full term I was elected to serve.”

Cullinane’s announcement is likely to trigger a new wave of interest in what will be a wide-open contest for the seat, which was last up for grabs in 2013 following the departure of Linda Dorcena Forry, who vacated the 12th Suffolk seat when she was elected to the State Senate that year. Cullinane then beat two other candidates to secure the House seat. He has since beaten back consecutive challenges in the last two election cycles from Jovan Lacet, a Mattapan-based attorney who last year indicated that he planned to mount a third challenge against Cullinane this year. A potential new candidate— Donovan Birch, Jr.— has also been mounting a campaign for the seat.

Cullinane has been an outspoken advocate for his district, particularly on matters impacting transit equity. He championed the preservation of the Mattapan High Speed Trolley line and fought successfully to persuade MBTA leaders to allow Fairmount Line commuters to use Charlie Cards on the line. On his watch, the state



State Rep. Dan Cullinane and his wife, Emily, live in Dorchester with two children, William, 2, and Isabel, 8 months. Photo courtesy Cullinane family

completed a “missing link” connection on the Neponset Greenway and added a long-awaited Blue Hill Avenue station to the Fairmount line. Mayor Martin J. Walsh called Cullinane’s departure “a big loss for the Boston delegation and for Dorchester and Mattapan. Dan worked for me as an intern, right out of college. He has always had a passion for public service and he is a great elected official, because he just wanted

to do the job. I commend him for all the great work he’s done.” State Rep. Daniel J. Hunt, who represents Dorchester and Quincy in the Legislature’s neighboring 13th Suffolk district, said that Cullinane’s departure will leave a significant hole in the neighborhood’s delegation. “Rep. Dan Cullinane is a great colleague and has become an even better friend,” said Hunt. “He has quickly risen in

leadership in the House while showing laser focus on improving the lives of his constituents in Dorchester, Mattapan and Milton. He immediately took the baton from his predecessors and helped shepherd many projects through completion, including the ‘missing Mattapan link’ of the Neponset Greenway project.” Cullinane’s House colleague in Milton, Rep. Bill Driscoll, said that “the wealth of experi-

ence he amassed in a short time will be missed in his district and at the State House. I could not have asked for a better partner in representing Milton. Dan helped me get my bearings after I was elected and for that I will always be grateful.” Driscoll noted that Cullinane’s “hard-work for the district will be felt for many years to come, particularly as the trolley line is set for more than \$100 million

in investments in the coming years.” According to a statement from his office, Cullinane missed only one formal session in the House of Representatives over a six-year period, and that was to be on hand for the birth of his daughter. “I am proud of what we have accomplished together and proud of the legacy of results and progress we will be leaving behind to be built upon by whoever should follow,” the representative said. Leon David, who has worked as Cullinane’s top aide since 2013, said he is proud of the accomplishments that he and the representative can point to. “Whoever takes the position next needs to be able to see the human in each person in this district, from those most in need to those in the most expensive properties,” said David. “That’s what Dan and his volunteers and staff had as our goal— that all were treated equally. I feel proud that we lived up to that challenge.” Katie Trojano contributed to this report. Reporter editor Bill Forry is married to former state Sen. Linda Dorcena Forry, who is referenced in this story.

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The city of Boston's Transportation Dept. will begin enforcement of new resident permit parking on select streets in Savin Hill next month. Residents are urged to get their stickers as soon as possible. Signage will be installed in early-mid Feb with enforcement to begin within two weeks. Impacted streets include Savin Hill Avenue, Grampian Way, Southview Street, Evandale Terrace, Wave Avenue and Hubbardston Road (Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.- 6 p.m.). Existing resident parking signage will not change on Playstead Road, Denny Street, Bayside Road and Davitt Street. For more info on how to apply for a sticker, go to [boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits](http://boston.gov/transportation/resident-parking-permits).

PUBLIC MEETING ON 'THE FUTURE OF MATTAPAN'S CORRIDORS'

The BPDA will host a public meeting on Wed., Feb. 26 at 6 p.m. to explore "The Future of Mattapan's Corridors" as part of the ongoing PLAN: Mattapan initiative. The meeting will be held in the KIPP Academy cafeteria, 37 Babson St., Mattapan. Contact Muge Undemir at 617-918-4488 or [mugzy.undemir@boston.gov](mailto:mugzy.undemir@boston.gov) with any questions.

WARD 17 DEMS TO CAUCUS ON FEB. 25

The Ward 17 Democratic Committee, which includes parts of Dorchester and Mattapan, will hold its caucus on Tues., Feb. 25 at 7 p.m. at the Sheet Metal Union Hall, 1157 Adams St., Dorchester. At this caucus, Democrats will elect 23 delegates and 5 alternates to the Democratic State convention to be held on May 30, 2020 in Lowell. Any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can run to be a delegate, and any registered Democrat living in Ward 17 can vote for delegates, provided they are present at the caucus and have signed in before registration closes. Residents of Ward 17 who are eligible to vote may register at the caucus during the registration period. Doors will open by 6:30, and will be locked at 7:15, when registration will close. For more information, email Joyce Linehan at [joyce@ashmontmedia.com](mailto:joyce@ashmontmedia.com) or visit [massdems.org](http://massdems.org).

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR DORCHESTER BASEBALL

Registration is now underway online for Dorchester



Dorchester's Jane Richard sang at a Fenway Park event held on Jan. 31 to celebrate the Martin Richard Foundation's Team MR8 runners who will participate in April's BAA Boston Marathon and raise funds for the Dorchester-based foundation, which is named for Jane's late brother Martin. This will be the final year that the foundation fields a team to run the marathon. For more information, see [teammr8.org](http://teammr8.org). Isabel Leon/Mayor Walsh's office photo

Baseball, open to kids and teens ages 4-16. Sign up at [dorchesterlittleleague.org](http://dorchesterlittleleague.org) or [dorchesterbaberuth.org](http://dorchesterbaberuth.org). Financial assistance available upon request.

DOT CHILI COOK-OFF ON MARCH 29

The 14th annual Dorchester Chili Cook-off will be held on Sunday, March 29 from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m., at Local 103 IBEW at 256 Freeport St. to benefit Dorchester Day Parade. More than 20 entrants representing restaurants, civic associations, youth groups, and community organizations, vie for bragging rights to the best chili in Dorchester. There is live entertainment, games and prizes. A panel of judges will award prizes in four categories: Best of Show, Best Non-Beef, Most Creative Dish and Team Spirit (decorations, costumes, enthusiasm.) The People's Choice award earns its winner the golden bean pot and bragging rights.

JAMMIN' FOR JIMMY AT FLORIAN HALL

Jammin' for Jimmy — an evening of fun and music to benefit the James P. "Jimmy" Cawley Scholar-

ship at UMass Boston— will be held on Sat., Feb. 29 from 7 to 10:30p.m. at Florian Hall, 55 Hallet St. Dorchester. The evening features a performance by the Boston ILL Harmonic ("Boston's most loveable chamber rock ensemble") performing music by the Beatles, followed by live band Beatles karaoke. The scholarship was created in memory of a much loved son of Dorchester whose life was sadly shortened by cancer. An active political volunteer and advocate for people with disabilities in his job at WORK Inc., the scholarship is set up to benefit a student from Dorchester who is majoring in political science. The first scholarship was awarded in 2017 to an outstanding recipient, Dorchester resident Renata Teodoro. General admission is \$10 at the door. Raffle prizes, hors d'oeuvres and cash bar, and a cash drawing will be held. For more information or to purchase tickets for the cash drawing, please contact Elisa Birdseye at [jimmyscholarship@gmail.com](mailto:jimmyscholarship@gmail.com).

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# Who’s backing who for president among local electeds?

(Continued from page 1) At-large Boston City Councillor Annissa Essaibi-George also said Warren’s potential to “get new voters engaged” makes her the best Democrat for the nomination.

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ocrat for the nomination. “National elections are a way to get people engaged because unfortunately, compared to local elections, the turnout is much higher in these presidential primaries and elections,” said Essaibi-George, “This is an opportunity to spread the word and engage new voters and those who aren’t regularly involved in the local elections. I’m hopeful and excited about the next couple of weeks.”

Pressley and Essaibi-George have been joined in their support for Warren by Suffolk County Sheriff Steve Tompkins, who called Warren a “champion and leader” for the Democratic party. Tompkins said his decision was influenced by his work on her 2012 Senate campaign.

“There were a lot of women and folk of color in leadership positions who had some decisive say in what was going on--and that appealed to me greatly,” said Tompkins. “And that’s the case with this campaign—she’s done it again.”

Tompkins said that voters are frustrated by conversations that doubt the electability of a woman in a national race.

“People do believe that we need to stop this conversation about electability, about a woman being elected president. It’s really a nonsensical conversation, frankly. Elizabeth is just as sharp, just as smart, just as forthright in what she is trying to accomplish as any male that’s in the race,” said Tompkins. “People have shared with me that they think this is ridiculous, and I share that. It’s ridiculous.”

State Rep. Dan Culinane, who represents parts of Dorchester and Mattapan in the 12th Suffolk district, has also been with Warren “since day one,” he said.

Warren finished fourth in the nation’s first primary on Tuesday in New Hampshire, a result that the candidate herself has termed “disappointing.” Sen. Sanders topped the Democratic field in NH, followed by Pete Buttigieg and Amy Klobuchar.

State Rep. Dan Hunt threw his support behind former Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick last Friday and spent the weekend in New Hampshire helping the Patrick team seek support in the nation’s first primary balloting.

Hunt is enthusiastic in his support for Patrick, adding that after Iowa, he isn’t convinced that there’s a clear front-runner in the Democratic race.

“I believe Deval Patrick is the best candidate with the ability to bring our country together and get our federal government back to the task of solving problems for all of the people in our country. I am all in, and I will marshal all the support I can for Deval Patrick,” said Hunt.

In a statement, Patrick said he was “honored to have Dan’s support in this election.”

“Dan was an invaluable member of my administration and continues to serve the Commonwealth in a way that should make all of his constituents feel proud and seen,” said Patrick. “Dan knows that politics at every level is about delivering results for your constituents. That’s what he has done as a representative for the 13th Suffolk District.”

Former vice-president Joe Biden has earned the public endorsement of City Councillor Frank Baker, according to a statement from the Biden campaign released on Jan. 31. US Rep. Steven Lynch backed Biden last December and has been on the stump for him in New Hampshire.

“Biden appeals to many different types of voters,” Lynch explained in an interview with WBZ. “He’s a moderate Democrat. I think he brings a lot of independence into the camp, this is a big-tent Democratic Party and I think Joe Biden does that. I think he’s blue collar, that’s been his character and his priority.”

Other local elected officials— notably Mayor Martin Walsh, Sen. Nick Collins, At-Large Boston City Councillor Julia Mejia of Dorchester, District 4 Councillor Andrea Campbell— have not weighed in on the presidential race yet.

State Rep. Russell Holmes is also holding off on making an endorsement, he said.

“I haven’t landed yet on who I’m going to support,” Holmes told the Reporter last week. “I have two friends running — Patrick and Warren — but neither has come to the place in the polls where I’m ready to get involved.”

Holmes suspects many of his constituents will likely support Warren, Patrick or Joe Biden. But, he added, many are also— like him— waiting to see results in early states before Super Tuesday.

“A real sentiment that I’ve heard is that many folks in the neighborhood are frustrated by what happened in Iowa, and [see] the caucus process as not being democratic. That motivated my neighborhood, it was a civic lesson. They want to move away from the caucuses and feel that Iowa and New Hampshire are clearly not inclusive enough.” Also undecided—at least publicly, is Governor Charlie Baker, who had not made an endorsement ahead of Tuesday’s primaries in New Hampshire. Baker learned the ropes of state government while serving under former Gov. William Weld, who is the lone Republican challenging the incumbent president, Donald J. Trump.

The Democratic ballot in Massachusetts on March 3 will feature 15 candidates, in this order: Deval Patrick, Amy Klobuchar, Elizabeth Warren, Michael Bennet, Michael R. Bloomberg, Tulsi Gabbard, Cory Booker, Julian Castro, Tom Steyer, Bernie Sanders, Joseph R. Biden, John K. Delaney, Andrew Yang, Pete Buttigieg, Marianne Williamson.

In Boston, registered voters who would like to vote before March 3 can do so beginning on Feb. 24 at Boston City Hall and at several satellite locations in the neighborhoods beginning on Feb. 25.

In Dorchester, early voting will be available on Thurs., Feb. 27 from 12-8 p.m. at All Saints Church, 209 Ashmont St. and at First Parish Church, 10 Parish St. In Mattapan, voters can fill in their ballot early on Thurs., Feb. 27 at Mildred Ave. Community Center, 5 Mildred Ave. More info is available online at [boston.gov/elections](http://boston.gov/elections).



Community Health News

Bill seeks parity between care for mental, physical ailments

BY STEVE LEBLANC  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Massachusetts Senate unveiled a sweeping bill last week aimed at making good on the state's long-held pledge to provide mental health care on a par with care for physical ailments like heart disease or a broken leg.

Supporters say the bill help remove barriers to timely care, provide the state with better tools to enforce its existing mental health parity laws, and create a more diverse workforce of mental health clinicians.

The bill aims to build on mental health parity laws passed in 2000 and 2008.

Democratic Senate President Karen Spilka said the bill was a personal priority.

Spilka said her father experienced trauma as a soldier in World War II — having been injured by a land mine and been on hand during the liberation of the Buchenwald concentration camp — and struggled with mental illness most of his life.

“My father never sought attention, never sought help,” she said.

“There was a stigma attached that he could never get over.”

The bill takes several steps designed to put mental health care on an equal footing with other forms of medical care, including eliminating the need for patients experiencing acute mental health crises to get prior authorization from insurers before receiving care and prohibiting insurers from denying coverage for mental health services and primary care services solely because they were delivered on the same day in the same facility.

The legislation would

also create a special commission charged with recommending a common set of medical necessity criteria to be used by health care providers and insurers for mental health services.

Part of the problem in Massachusetts is that many mental health professionals are independent and don't accept insurance. Those seeking care have to pay out of pocket and then see if they can get reimbursed by their insurer.

The bill also seeks to expand mental health access to underserved cultural, ethnic and linguistic populations and

the LGBTQ community. Currently about 90% of mental health clinicians in Massachusetts are non-Latino whites.

“Language barriers and lack of a cultural background can be a real barrier to care,” said Democratic Sen. Julian Cyr, one of the bill's backers.

Other elements of the bill include: requiring emergency departments to have the capacity to evaluate and stabilize a person admitted with a mental health problem; increasing access to mental health care in geographically isolated areas in the state; and

creating tele-behavioral health service pilot programs in public high schools.

Danna Mauch, president of the Massachusetts Association for Mental Health, said advocates have been fighting for mental health parity since the 1970s, and the Senate bill — combined with parallel provisions in a health care bill filed by Republican Gov. Charlie Baker — will help bring the state closer to a true level playing field for mental and physical health.

“People have been waiting years and years for some kind of eq-

uitable arrangement,” Mauch said. “I think everyone is in agreement that this is a step forward.”

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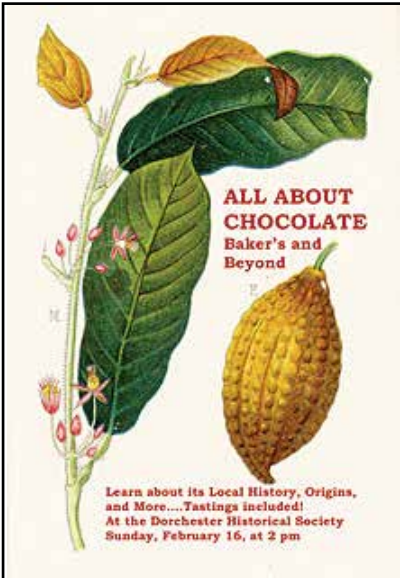
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The John F. Kennedy Presidential Library and Museum will offer several family-oriented activities and programs throughout Presidents’ Day week, including its signature Presidents’ Day Family Festival on February 17 featuring presidential storytelling, activities and performances. In honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, the Festival will highlight presentations by actors portraying Sojourner Truth and Lucretia Mott. A Celebrate! series presentation of Tales from African Traditions by Valerie Tutson will take place on February 19, and family-friendly Highlights Tours will be offered throughout the week. This year, the Family Festival will also host a special unveiling presentation of the Official 2020 White House Christmas Ornament honoring President John F. Kennedy. The ornament will be unveiled in partnership with the White House Historical Association at 3:30 p.m. on February 17. In celebration of Presidents’ Day week, the JFK Library will reveal a special buzzword on its Facebook and Twitter pages. Visitors who provide the buzzword upon admission during the week of February 15-23, 2020 will receive \$2 off admission prices. For more information, call 866-JFK-1960 or visit [jfklibrary.org](http://jfklibrary.org).

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Boston Centers for Youth & Families’ (BCYF) Family Gym Program a free, weekly play program that promotes physical activity for children ages 3-8 and their families— returned on Sat., Feb. 8 from 10-11:30 a.m. at BCYF Blackstone Community Center in the South End, BCYF Gallivan Community Center in Mattapan, BCYF Holland Community Center in Dorchester, and BCYF Menino Community Center in Roslindale and BCYF Jackson-Mann Community Center in Allston. Family Gym will also be offered from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at BCYF Vine Street Community Center in Roxbury. Children and adults move at their own pace in supervised activities. Colorful play equipment encourages individual, small, and large group play. For updated information or program cancellations follow @BCYFCenters.



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### HANCOCK STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The Hancock Street Civic Association meets monthly on the first Tuesday at Uphams Crossing, 530 Columbia Rd., Dorchester. Meeting time is 7-8:30 p.m. Annual dues are \$5; please contact [hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com](mailto:hancockstreetcivic@gmail.com) with any questions you may have.

### WELLINGTON HILL NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Wellington Hill Neighborhood Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month from 6-7:30 p.m. at the Mattapan branch of the Boston Public Library. Updates can be found on Facebook page: @wellingtonhillneighbors. Or Google Group: [wellingtonhill@googlegroups.com](https://www.google.com/groups?ik=wellingtonhill)

### RIVER STREET CIVIC ASSOC.

The River Street Civic Association meets on the second Thursday of each month from 6-8 p.m. at the Foley Senior Residences, 249 River St., Mattapan.

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### ASHMONT-ADAMS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

Meetings are typically held on the first Thursday of each month at the Plasterer’s Hall, 7 Fredericka St., at 7 p.m. Contact Pat O’Neill at [pattiashmont@gmail.com](mailto:pattiashmont@gmail.com).

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### CLAM POINT CIVIC ASSOC.

The meetings are usually held on the second Monday of the month (unless it’s a holiday) at WORK, Inc. 25 Beach St., at the corner of Freeport St., across from the IBEW; on-street parking available.

### CODMAN SQUARE NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL

The Codman Square Neighborhood Council meets the first Wed. of each month, 7-8:30 p.m., in the Great Hall of the Codman Sq. Health Center, 6 Norfolk St. Info: call 617-265-4189.

### COLUMBIA-SAVIN HILL CIVIC

Columbia-Savin Hill Civic meets the first Monday of each month, 7 p.m., at the Little House, 275 East Cottage St. For info: [columbiasavinhillcivic.org](http://columbiasavinhillcivic.org).

### DORCHESTER NORTH NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

The Dorchester North Neighborhood Association (formerly the Annapolis Street Neighborhood Association) generally meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the meeting room of 8 Annapolis Street. Please see our Facebook page (search Dorchester North) for updates and announcements. Send questions and agenda items to: [dorchester-north@gmail.com](mailto:dorchester-north@gmail.com).

### FIELDS CORNER CIVIC ASSOC.

The FCCA meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Kit Clark Center, 1500 Dorchester Ave. For more info. contact V. Girard, chair, at: [vivian8120@gmail.com](mailto:vivian8120@gmail.com).

### WOODROW AVENUE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOC.

WANA meets on the third Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m. at VFW Post 8772, 54 Woodrow Ave., Dorchester. Nina Johnson is the president. Email [woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com](mailto:woodrowaveassoc@gmail.com) or visit [wanaboston](https://www.facebook.com/wanaboston) on Facebook.

### JONES HILL ASSOC.

The Jones Hill Association meets every month on the second Wednesday at 7 p.m. at St. Mary’s Center for Women and Children in the Executive Board Room. All are welcome. Developers wishing to inquire or present should contact [officers@joneshill.com](mailto:officers@joneshill.com). Information, events, and voting membership can be found on [joneshill.com](http://joneshill.com).

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# ‘Aloneness’ drives this artist to study strangers living life

(Continued from page 1) usually one person I’m targeting. I look to capture moments where I see the visual representation of that aloneness.”

Today, the 28-year-old Detroit native is a full-time freelance photographer based out of the Fairmount Innovation Lab in Uphams Corner, a workspace located just a stone’s throw from where he lives. As he tells it, his career in photography was nearly derailed at the outset. He has loved the artform since his mother gave him a camera for his 16th birthday; he became “the guy who people would ask to take a picture” in high school. As a freshman at Bates College, he decided photography was what he wanted to do in life, and chose it as his major. But after turning in his work from an assignment in which he shot scenes around town, a professor told him he didn’t have what it takes. So he switched his major.

After graduation, Christopher moved to Boston and took a corporate sales job selling software. He soon learned to hate what he was doing. Frustrated and feeling lost, he regularly would walk all the way home to Brighton from the Back Bay just to blow off steam. One

day on his walk home, he bought a camera “because that was the last time I remembered being happy.” Soon his lunch breaks became creative sessions and his walks home turned into photowalks.

“I started re-teaching myself photography, just by having a camera in my hand and shooting as many different things as I could,” he said. “Then I started sharing photos on my Instagram page, and people started re-sharing them. So I just kept shooting.”

After a while, Christopher began to see street photography as “a way of living. It’s figuring out how to take an environment that’s completely foreign and remove myself from the equation; just be a silent observer.”

He found that he enjoyed shooting commuters in transit, a time when people tend to subconsciously put their guard down. But being an anonymous observer is difficult in tight spaces like a Green Line train, where, Christopher said, “it was hard to be discreet with it. It started to be this game where it was like I was a spy and the goal was not to interrupt the moment, just to capture the moment.”

After a while, his hobby began to cause tension at

work. He recounted how once his boss chastised him for editing photos on his lunch break. One day, after registering the third of “three strikes of racist macro-aggressions” from a co-worker, Christopher packed his things and walked out.

“Two years had already gone by in the blink of an eye, but when I walked out that day, I was a photographer,” he said. “What did I have? I had a momma who believed in me.”

From then on, Christopher spent his days riding the train to “every single stop” and exploring every neighborhood of the city. As the concept for “Strangers in Boston” took form and he found photography work for a local grassroots movement, Mass Action Against Police Brutality, his hobby gradually became a profession.

In 2016, Christopher was introduced to Liora Beer, founder of the Fairmount Innovation Lab, an art incubator and co-working space on Columbia Road. Beer, who passed away in March of 2018, took him under her wing.

“As a lowly starving artist, it has been a struggle trying to find space to create out of. But we’ve been keeping this space alive, and we want to

keep building it,” he said, noting that an incoming podcast lab will look to attract more creatives to the workspace. “This space is for Dorchester.”

After moving to the neighborhood in 2017 and setting up shop in the space’s photo lab, Christopher’s work continued to flourish, and his covert approach to the artform began to change.

“Shooting in Dorchester has been pretty tricky for me. There are not too many instances of an area congested enough for me to not be seen, so it’s a place that pushes me out of my shell of trying to be invisible and into a mode of interacting with my subjects,” he said.

After a certain encounter with a subject on Morrissey Boulevard, Christopher realized he’d “been doing street photography the wrong way – trying to sneak and be unseen rather than just being me. My time in Dorchester allowed me to shift from trying to take images from people to trying to make images for people. I’m never trying to sneak or steal anymore; it’s a collaboration between me and my community.”

That shift in approach compelled Christopher to refocus his lens and train it in “a new direction.”

An upcoming show at the Haley House Bakery Cafe in Roxbury, which will kick off with an opening reception on Fri., Feb. 21, from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., will feature selections of Christopher’s newer work and help revitalize the space, which recently reopened after a year-long hiatus.

“The theme of this show is in alignment with Haley House’s resurrection or rebirth,” noted Christopher.

Following the show, he said he’s planning to reboot his “Strangers in Boston” series that had fallen dormant recently by pulling some other street photographers into the project and approaching the concept with fresh eyes.

“What’s weird is that for a long time, the way I had felt about ‘Strangers in Boston’ is that they’re not the strangers; I’m the stranger,” he said. “When I started shooting in Dorchester is when I started to feel less like a stranger in Boston.”

While he now considers Dorchester “his neighborhood,” Christopher isn’t quite ready to call it his permanent home. Still holding onto a keen sense of his own aloneness, he admitted a dread of stagnation and a willingness to be “a feather in the wind.” He has plans to

convert a school bus into a tiny home and hit the road, taking his camera with him.

“Maybe I’ll be a no-mad,” he said.

*Jourdan Christopher’s photography show at Haley House Bakery Cafe will begin with an opening reception at 6 p.m. on Fri., Feb. 21, and remain on display through the summer months. Beer and wine will be available at the 21+ reception. For more information about Strangers in Boston, visit jochristopher.com.*

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# Walsh wants \$69.2m for affordable housing push

**By KATIE TROJANO  
REPORTER STAFF**

Revealing what he called a “monumental investment,” Mayor Martin Walsh announced \$69.2 million in new and recommended affordable housing funding from the Department of Neighborhood Development (DND), the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT), and the Community Preservation Fund on Friday at Roxbury’s Urban Edge.

The projects, two of which will provide affordable housing units in Dorchester and Mattapan, will be submitted to the City Council for approval with an anticipated hearing and vote in the coming weeks.

“Today we are announcing a monumental investment. We fund affordable housing every year, but this is the most we’ve ever done in the city of Boston,” the mayor said. “We are harnessing our city’s incredible economic strength to invest in all the things working people need. This will help build a strong middle class and will make a difference for years and generations to come.”

Per the recommendation, Dorchester Bay EDC would receive \$2.6 million for its development of a project at 9 Leyland St., that would revitalize a vacant lot by building 43 affordable senior housing units,

including five set aside for formerly homeless individuals, and incorporate energy efficient design standards for sustainability.

In Mattapan, \$1.86 million was recommended for a team from the city’s Planning Office of Urban Affairs and the Caribbean Integration Community Development for an affordable senior housing development at 150 River St., of 30 affordable units for seniors, with 6 reserved for formerly homeless individuals.

DND Director Sheila Dillon said that “housing is a passion for many in the room,” and added: “For folks that are following this closely, this

administration is working really hard trying to solve our housing issues.”

District 1 Councillor Lydia Edwards, the chair of the Housing Committee and the council’s representative on the NHT, said that “all hands are on deck” and working through project details to make housing a real opportunity in the city.

“I look at this and I’m inspired and excited and I know that we’re going to be able to accomplish big things,” the councillor said. “We are completely dedicated to making sure that projects are not only affordable, but we ask the hard questions: Who is going to live there? Why would they want to come there? Where are your homeless set-aside units? It’s just not enough to call it affordable; we get into the details of who will

afford it.”

Citywide, the funds would create or preserve a total of 1,097 units of housing — 936 new and 161 preserved — of which a majority would serve households with incomes at or below 60 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI), or \$71,100 or less for a family of four.

New residential units would include a combination of homeownership and rental options and units set aside for formerly homeless households, youth aging out of the foster care system, seniors, and artists.

“This is an important aspect of the work that Urban Edge does. Our focus is on African American and Latino communities that are going through issues of gentrification and displacement,” said Emilio Dorcey, chief executive officer at Urban Edge. “We work hard to make sure that everyone can continue to enjoy the prosperity that Boston is experiencing.”

Funding would come from three sources, said Walsh in explaining the breakdown: Roughly \$38 million from municipal and federal funds administered by the DND; approximately \$16 million in linkage funding from the Neighborhood Housing Trust (NHT); and almost \$16 million from the Community Preservation Act’s outlay.

CPA funds amounting to \$4 million will also be allotted to city-wide affordable housing programs like Acquisition Opportunity and ONE+Boston.

On Jan. 27, the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) ap-

proved the mayor’s recommendations.

“Recognizing the housing crisis facing Boston, the CPC chose to allocate 65 percent of available funds to affordable housing,” said CPC member Madeligne Tena. “In thinking about how to best serve those most in need, our priorities included rental housing for the lowest-income residents and affordable homeownership for households earning under 100 percent of AMI.”

At the event, Jerome Williams, a resident of 2Life Communities, which provides affordable housing to seniors at multiple campuses across the state, spoke about how securing affordable housing improved his life.

“This is an exciting day for Boston and for people like me. I want to thank the mayor, as well as the partners and elected officials today for their commitment to creating affordable housing in Boston. This will help people who are the most in need — and I used to be there,” he said, adding: “Funding like this helps people like me have a safe place to call home. I’m all right today.”

Walsh encouraged housing advocates to celebrate: “Let me just say this: There have been a lot of challenges with housing over the last 30 years, and it seems to have intensified over the last four or five years.

“As I look out into the crowd, I see faces here that have been doing this work for a long time. I don’t think enough of you and us take a step back to celebrate the victories — and today is a victory.”

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Docket No. SU20P0240GD  
IN THE MATTER OF:  
SUKA MOU MOY  
of BOSTON, MA  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by Spaulding Nursing and Therapy Center of Brighton, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that Suka Mou Moy is in need of a Guardian and requesting that (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve on the bond.

The petition asks the Court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 A.M. on the return date of **03/18/2020**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

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For more information please contact Brendan McDonald at [bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:bmcdonald@bgcdorchester.org).



**BGCD Planet Fitness Center Starts Yoga Classes:** See details below.

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For more information, please contact Abbey at [aaguier@bgcdorchester.org](mailto:aaguier@bgcdorchester.org). All donations should be dropped off at our McLaughlin Location - 1135 Dorchester Ave, Dorchester, MA 02125.

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**Boys 15&U All-Star Basketball Game vs. Waltham BGC**  
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**Elevate Youth Trip to Cross Country Skiing**  
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**Career Prep Training Event**  
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**WDYC Living Museum Event**  
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**Young Professionals Event at Dorchester Brewing Co.**  
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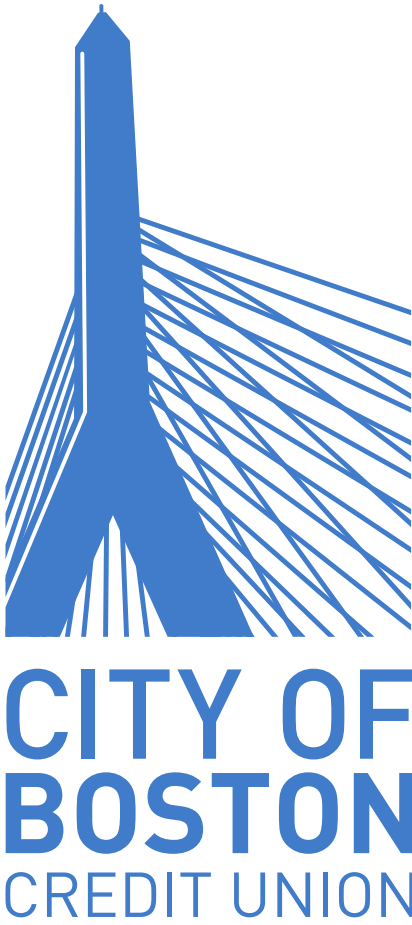
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RECENT OBITUARIES

**CHENEY, Thomas F.** born in 1924 in South Boston, 95. Husband of 70 years to Barbara Cheney (nee Sim) and father of Joseph and daughter-in-law Ann of Kissimmee, Florida, Michael of Quincy, Mary and son-in-law Dan



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O'Neill of Stoughton, Maureen and son-in-law Rob Giffin of Surry, Maine, Kathleen of Quincy, Barbara and son-in-law Scott Brodeur of Northampton, Diane and son-in-law Stephen Bird of Hopkinton and the late

Thomas. He was the proud grandfather of 15 grandchildren and 23 great-grandchildren. Tom was the brother to the predeceased Stephen Cheney and sister-in-law Louise, Joseph and sister-in-law Evelyn, Daniel and sister-in-law Ann, Leo and Paul and sister-in-law Jean and is survived by his sister, Marie Lawlor of Westwood and sister-in-law Patricia Cheney of Brockton. Son of the late Stephen Cheney and Ethel Gearin of South Boston, Tom grew up in Dorchester where he attended Dorchester High for Boys. He served as a United States Marine in World War II. Tom raised his family while working in the MBTA for 34 years. He was also a longtime loyal member of the AFL-CIO and a business agent for Local District 38. In the MBTA, Tom rose to head a maintenance department. He went on to serve in a similar role for SEPTA in Philadelphia and then later for the New York Transit Authority in Staten Island, New York. "Uncle Tom" to his adoring nieces and nephews and "Pa" to just about everybody else, Tom was known for sparking laughter and warmth.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE and FAMILY COURT  
Docket No. SU19P1081EA  
Suffolk Probate & Family Court  
24 New Chardon St., Boston, MA 02114  
617-788-8300  
CITATION ON PETITION FOR SALE OF REAL ESTATE BY A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE ESTATE OF:  
WILLIE LEE GRAHAM  
DATE OF DEATH: 11/26/2018  
To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Sale of Real Estate has been filed by: Sandra Jackson of Brockton, MA and William Vaughn of Dorchester, MA requesting that the court authorize the Personal Representative to sell the decedent's real estate at a private sale.  
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: 10:00 a.m. on the return day of 03/11/2020.  
This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.  
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 04, 2020  
Felix D. Arroyo  
Register of Probate  
Published: February 13, 2020

Tom loved helping others and would show up in his pickup truck, always willing to lend a hand, whether to the church, community groups, family members and friends. He was a selfless and tireless giver who often put others' needs before his own. He was renowned for tackling impromptu yard work, garage and basement cleanings and touch-up paint jobs when visiting his children—even when they weren't home.

**DiMASCIO, Gilda Ida Carmela (DiMascio)**, 90, a longtime Braintree resident. Gilda was born in Pettorano sul Gizio, province of L'Aquila, region of Abruzzo, Italy. She immigrated to the U.S. in 1948 at the age of nineteen. Gilda had lived in Braintree for fifty years, previously in Dorchester. Gilda was employed as a seamstress in the garment industry for many years. Wife of the late Gino DiMascio. Mother of Dora M. DiMascio of Abington. Sister of Panfilo R. "Benny" DiMascio and his wife Linda of Rupert, West Virginia. Gilda is also survived by nieces and nephews. For those who wish, donations in Gilda's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave., Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451-8750.

**FLYNN, John F.**, 57 of Dedham, formerly of Dorchester. Husband of Nancy (Pender) Flynn. Father of Brendan, Bridget, and Liam Flynn. Son of the late William and Virginia Flynn. Brother of Michael Flynn and his wife Marybeth of Dorchester, Mary Ellen Flynn of Quincy, Thomas Flynn and his wife Dawn of Milton, Jane McSweeney and her husband Steve of Mansfield, Virginia Flynn and her partner Patricia Caffrey of Hingham, Elizabeth Duddy and her husband Thomas of Quincy. Uncle of several nieces and nephews.

LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
THE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE & FAMILY COURT  
SUFFOLK DIVISION  
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Docket No. SU19D2332DR  
DIVORCE SUMMONS  
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vs.  
HAI THIEN PHAN  
To the Defendant:  
The Plaintiff has filed a Complaint for Divorce requesting that the Court grant a divorce for. The Complaint is on file at the Court. An Automatic Restraining Order has been entered in this matter preventing you from taking any action which would negatively impact the current financial status of either party. SEE Supplemental Probate Court Rule 411.  
You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon: Khuong Nguyen, Esq., Law Office of Khuong Nguyen, PC, 572 Freeport St., Unit B, Dorchester, MA 02122 your answer, if any, on or before 03/26/2020. If you fail to do so, the court will proceed to the hearing and adjudication of this action. You are also required to file a copy of your answer, if any, in the office of the Register of this Court.  
Witness, HON. BRIAN J. DUNN, First Justice of this Court.  
Date: February 5, 2020  
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Employee of the Massachusetts State Lottery. Friend of Bill W. for 31 years.

**GRZESIK, Jadwiga (Cieplik)** of Carver, 98 1/2. Jadwiga was born in Poland. During the German occupation of Poland, following the outbreak of World War II, Jadwiga, like many Polish youth, was taken from her family and sent to work on a farm in Westphalia, Germany. During the exile in forced labor, she met another Polish teenager, Antoni Grzesik, who had also been conscripted by the occupying forces to the same farm, and they were married in 1943. After the end of the war, Jadwiga, her husband and their young daughter and son immigrated to Boston's West End. In the early 1960's, they purchased a three-decker on Boston Street, in the "Polish Triangle," and opened a delicatessen in 1963 called Boston Street Market, which she and her family operated for the next 42 years. The store was sold in 2005 and Jadwiga and her husband Antoni moved to Carver. Jadwiga is survived by daughter Mary Zaleski and her husband Stanley, son Vincent Grzesik and his wife Mary, 7 grandsons and 10 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

**L'HEUREUX, Helen (Delaney)** of Plymouth, formerly of Dorchester, 82. She was the mother of Denise Sharp of Plymouth and the late Kevin L'Heureux. She was the grandmother of Ryan Sharp of Quincy, and Jacob and Kayleigh Sharp of Plymouth. She was the sister of John Delaney of Plymouth and the late Jean Delaney, Mary Corbett, Pauline Ziniti, Paul Delaney, Rev. Thomas Delaney, S.J., Arthur Delaney, Virginia Ray, Leo, William and Francis Delaney. She leaves many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. She was born in Dorchester to Paul R. and Mary E. (McQuillan) Delaney. She graduated from Dorchester High School for Girls. She worked for over forty years at the telephone company and was a member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, an organization made up of volunteers that made positive changes in their local communities. Helen took pride in her Boston roots and being a lifelong resident of Dorchester. Contributions in memory of Helen L'Heureux may be made to Beth Israel Deaconess Plymouth at bidplymouth-giving.org/give-now or by check made payable to "Beth Israel Deaconess Plymouth" and mailed to: Beth Israel Deaconess Plymouth, Philan-

thropy Department, 275 Sandwich St., Plymouth, MA 02360. Please indicate on the memo line of the check or the notes section online, 2 East.

**McRAE, Justin D.** A lifelong resident of Woburn, unexpectedly, 21 years of age. Son of Christopher B. and Maureen A. (Gillis) McRae. Brother of Ryan M. McRae, his fiancée Theresa Girardi of Winchester, Lauren E. McRae of Medford and James McRae of Woburn. Grandson of the late Bradley and Anne Gillis, and Arthur and Carol McRae. Nephew of Alex McRae of Reading, Stephen McRae of PA, Douglas McRae of CA, Kevin Gillis of Chelmsford, Joanne Whittaker of Haverhill and Brian Gillis of Woburn, as well as all of their families. Cousin of Aidan, Sean, Matthew, Kyle, Ronan, Loudon, Charlie, Greg and Brian. Also survived by many friends. Donations may be made in Justin's memory to The Family Restored, 17 Bishop Street, Suite 202, Portland, ME 04103 or to Rockland Recovery, 92 Melville Ave., Boston, MA 02124.

**PANEK, Linda M. (Quigley)** of Norton, formerly of Milton and Dorchester, 65. Wife of Thomas Panek of Norton; daughter of the late Eleanor Delaney and William Quigley; stepdaughter of the late Walter Delaney; mother of Jennifer Ward and husband David, Jolene Garceau and husband Justin Scaglione, and Brian Garceau. Sister of Nancy Cadigan and husband Steven, Christine Barbieri and husband Stephen, Paul Quigley, and the late William Quigley, Jr. She is also survived by 6 grandchildren and many nieces and nephews. Linda retired after 25-years at the MBTA. Linda was a loyal member of Local 589 and Local 600. Gifts may be made to Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in memory of Linda to support cancer research and patient care at Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284 or via www.jimmyfund.org/gift

**THOMAS, Ellen** of the Villages, FL, 70. Born in Dorchester as Ellen Hersey, she graduated from Holy Cross Cathedral High School in 1967. Survived by her husband, Walter, daughter Kimberly Labagnara and husband Lawrence of Sudbury, and son Eric Thomas and wife Jessica of Clearwater, FL. She also leaves behind five grandchildren. She and her family lived in Mansfield, for 19 years. Ellen was a loving wife, mother and grandmother.

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# Citing ‘misapplication’ of methods by BPS, exam-school test-giver parts way with system

By Max Larkin  
WBUR Reporter

The Independent School Entrance Examination, or ISEE, has been the gatekeeper test for Boston’s three public exam schools for more than two decades. But it won’t play that role going forward after the apparent disintegration of trust between the BPS and the Education Records Bureau, or ERB, the not-for-profit group that administers the test.

The ISEE is predominantly used for admissions to nearly 2,000 private schools. And activists have long argued that the test, which does not closely track

BPS’s curriculum, may contribute to the considerable demographic disparity between the school system at large and its three well-regarded exam schools.

But the ISEE’s creators are defending it against claims of particular bias. ERB president Tom Rochon wrote to member schools saying that the relationship will end, instead citing the district’s “misapplication” of the test “as one factor in perpetuating admissions outcomes that disproportionately affect students belonging to underrepresented groups.”

In an interview with WBUR, Rochon ex-

plained that the ISEE comprises four sections. Alongside tests of mathematics achievement and reading comprehension — sections that do not closely correspond to BPS’s curriculum — are two tests of students’ capacity for “reasoning.”

Rather than treating those scores separately, which, Rochon said, might have surfaced what he called “diamonds in the rough,” BPS has historically added the four scores together as they made admissions decisions. In so doing, he added, “you completely lose lots of information.”

Rochon has only run ERB for the past two years, but he said that

bureau has raised concerns about that practice directly to the district since at least 2012. At one point, he said, the company even offered to fund a study as to whether or not it produced valid results.

“We’ve never received any explanation,” he said, “nor did they take us up on our offer.”

So, when BPS sought a new contract for a new entrance exam last year, ERB responded with a proposal — alongside a promise that they would not offer the ISEE to the district going forward.

“We just felt like we couldn’t bring much to the relationship anymore,” Rochon said.

BPS superintendent Brenda Cassellius, who was preparing to present a proposed budget for BPS’s next fiscal year to the school committee last Wednesday night, did not respond to a request for comment on what Rochon had said.

Last March, Cassellius’s predecessor, then-interim superintendent Laura Perille, said that the district had no plans to change tests; it was focusing instead on proposals to expand access, like moving test administration to the school day.

But by the fall, Cassellius called it “likely” that the district would find a new test — without shedding light on the back-

and-forth with ERB.

Activists took Rochon’s letter to BPS as proof that the district isn’t doing all that it can to foster diversity in its most sought-after schools.

In a statement, Ivan Epinoza-Madriral, the head of Lawyers for Civil Rights Boston and a vocal critic of the present regime of exam-school admissions, called Rochon’s statement a “smoking gun demonstrating that BPS has deliberately and intentionally refused to consider less discriminatory alternatives to help support students of color.”

Max Larkin covers education for WBUR 90.9FM’s Edify section. This article was first published at wbur.org on Feb. 5. The Reporter and WBUR share content through a media partnership.

## BPS budget proposal for next year tops \$1.26 billion

By Carrie Jung  
WBUR Reporter

Boston Public Schools Superintendent Brenda Cassellius wants some \$1.26 billion to run the city’s public schools in fiscal year 2021, an \$80 million increase from this year’s budget. Included in that hike is \$36 million in new school-based investments that go beyond expected cost increases.

Cassellius revealed

what she called a “historic and unprecedented” budget to the school committee last week. The proposal follows the release last month of her strategic plan, which laid out her goals for the district over the next five years.

“We all know that a strategic plan doesn’t mean anything if it’s not implemented well,” she said last week. “And part of implementing

something well is making sure that it’s properly resourced both on the human capital side and the financial side.”

She noted that most of the additional financial support will be focused on the city’s 33 lowest performing schools. “When you start with the neediest students and make big investments there all boats tend to rise,” she said. “The level of quality in the entire

community will rise.”

Some of the biggest investment proposals for next year come in the form of new staff. District officials plan to spend about \$5.6 million to hire about 40 new school-based social workers. Increasing the number of licensed mental health providers was a provision in the Boston Teachers Union new contract with the district.

Cassellius also hopes

to expand the family liaison system. Her budget proposal includes \$2.5 million to support a system of 36 family liaisons who will be spread out among 33 schools. Custodial staff will be getting a boost. The district plans to hire 25 new custodians for next school year and invest in a project tracking system to support that department’s work. And Cassellius hopes to add about 17 art and

music teachers to district schools.

The \$36 million mentioned above is part of the extra funding promised by Mayor Martin Walsh in his State of the City address — \$100 million in new school funding over the next three years.

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