

Good morning!

We are writing to inform you of an exciting opportunity for your school to help shape and inform a new financial empowerment program for Boston children and their families. The Mayor's Office of Workforce Development (OWD) is creating a Children's Savings Account (CSA) program, called Boston Saves, intended on providing Boston's children and families with a tool—a long-term savings account—to both create a culture of future opportunity and start building financial assets.

Boston Saves will serve all BPS students, from the time they are in Kindergarten all the way through post-secondary education and training. OWD is looking for 3-4 schools who would like to serve as our second pilot cohort for this program. This is a three-year pilot that begins in Fall 2016; our second pilot cohort will join our first pilot cohort in Fall 2017. Pilot sites will be asked to serve as learning partners, as the CSA program design is tested and improved prior to the full-scale program launch in Fall 2019. Selected partner schools will be given CSA accounts for all K2 students, including program support and technical assistance, in exchange for active involvement in evaluating and improving our pilot program.

We are looking for schools with strong leadership and a heavy interest in improving family engagement to be a part of our pilot cohort. Please take a look at the attached information sheets and application-- we invite and encourage your school to apply. Applications are due on **Friday, January 13, 2017 at 5pm.**

In order to provide additional information about the CSA program, the pilot, and your potential involvement, we will hold one webinar:

- Thursday, December 8, 4:00pm EST
Webinar Calendar Invite: <http://bit.ly/2gIp2Hb>

and two information sessions at the Bruce C. Bolling Building (2300 Washington St., Roxbury, MA):

- Monday, December 5, 8:30-9:30am EST and 3:30-4:30pm EST, Room 5-43
- Tuesday, January 10, 8:30-9:30am EST and 3:30-4:30pm EST, Room 5-43

We welcome applications even if you can't make it to an info session, and are happy to meet you and answer any questions you might have. Questions can also be directed to the Boston Saves Program Manager, Kim Lucas (kimberly.lucas@boston.gov).

We look forward to receiving your application!

Best,