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## Young Man with a Plan Weekly Update February 12, 2018

### Weekly Meetings

Last week's meetings featured the curriculum topic "Building Relationships Part I." We asked young men to write about and share their definitions and thoughts on friendship, crushes, loving, and lust, as well as the difference between healthy and unhealthy relationships. There was a big range of thinking on this—some more mature than others. One student talked about how insecurity and instability in a relationship causes self-doubt and the pressure to become someone different than who you are.

So there is A LOT more on healthy and unhealthy relationships to be discussed, and this week we will be showing a video about relationship abuse ("Because I Love You"). Students will also write a 4-line spoken word on the topic of love.

On Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> Boston Prep mentor Gio Morales did an excellent job leading a 2-hour Intro to Excel workshop. It was attended by 10 students (12<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>) who got an overview of the app, and practiced using it by entering several recording artists' sales numbers and by creating a household budget. We want our young men to understand how spreadsheets are used in coursework and jobs.

We are scheduling meetings to discuss your students' participation in the program and answer any questions you may have about YMWAP.

Respectfully, Jaykyri and Des

### Coming Up

- **February 16 Black Panther Private Screening** at Fenway! Codman mentor Lenward Gatison has made this opportunity possible. For students unable to attend we will explore other opportunities to view the film as part of YMWAP.
- **February Vacation: No groups, they will start up again on Feb 27**
- **March 7 Men of Color Career Night** from 6-8pm at the New Mission and BCLA complex. Similar to last year this will be an informal dinner, games, and Career Q & A. Transportation will be provided if needed.
- **March 23-25 NH Wilderness Trip** to Rustic Gatherings Lodge in Warren, NH