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## Young Man with a Plan Weekly Update Week of April 2

### Weekly Groups

In this week's groups we served dinner and had a Study Hall. Austin James was visiting Boston and led Tuesday's group with Jaykyri and Thursday's group with Des. We did a check-in around "what is your favorite cartoon?" In doing so we were able to point out the range of diversity between the young men and the leaders, as well as the commonalities. An important theme in YMWAP has been to highlight individual identity and likes/dislikes in a world that tends to see people of one race/group as all the same and one-dimensional. We have also been checking in with seniors about their college acceptances and choices. Attendance is great—thanks for sending us your young men.

**Teacher Dialog:** We piloted a 75 minute dialog between YMWAP leaders and six teachers from New Mission and BCLA. We asked them to speak about their experiences in the classroom, how they create an effective learning environment, and challenges they face. YMWAP frequently speaks to students about respect toward teachers and the leaders shared some of their insights about what classroom environments seem to help our young men experience trust and engage best.

### 2017-18 Mentor Training—looking back and ahead

October 2-day Training: Program Overview, Roles and Responsibilities; Racial Trauma; Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE scores) and Critical Consciousness

November Dinner: What Would You Do? Case studies of two young men at risk

February Brunch: Avoiding Burnout, Work/Life Balance

April Brunch: What Does **Educating** a Young Man of Color in Boston mean?

May Dinner: Professional Journeys Career Discussion; w men of color school leaders

Respectfully, Jaykyri and Des

### Coming Up

- **April 28:** Mentor brunch
- **May Dinner:** Professional Journeys Career Discussion , date TBD
- **May 29-31:** National COSEBOC Annual Gathering in Boston
- **June 7<sup>th</sup>:** 5-7pm YMWAP Senior Celebration with 12<sup>th</sup> grade students, mentors, staff, and guests.