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Slug=BOSTON SCHOOL REPORT

A REPORT OUT THIS MORNING CHRONICLES WHAT BOSTON SCHOOLS CAN DO BETTER. IT WAS UNVEILED JUST ABOUT A HALF HOUR AGO BY THE BOSTON FOUNDATION. IT LOOKED AT WAYS TO BOOST ACHIEVEMENT AT THE CITY'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS. ACCORDING TO THE BOSTON GLOBE, THE REPORT CALLS ON CITY LEADERS TO PROVIDE MORE AUTONOMY AT SCHOOLS AND BREAK AWAY FROM THE ONE-SIZE-FITS-ALL APPROACH. IT ALSO RECOMMENDS THAT SCHOOL LEADERS AND FACULTY BE GIVEN MORE POWER WHEN IT COMES TO DECISION MAKING AND ALLOCATING RESOURCES.

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Slug=HANDWRITING

WHEN WAS THE LAST TIME YOU WROTE IN CURSIVE? I'LL GIVE IT A TRY RIGHT NOW, BUT IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME. SOME SCHOOLS ARE PHASING IT OUT. NATIONAL STANDARDS ARE MOVING THE FOCUS FROM TEACHING LEGIBLE WRITING TO COMPUTER SKILLS EARLY ON. DOES IT REALLY MATTER THAT HANDWRITING IS ON THE WAY OUT? WE BRING IN JACKIE NICOLL - AN EXPERT WITH HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER.

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Slug=RPRS: NIKKO

A COUPLE OF WEEKS AGO OUR SHARMAN SACCHETTI AND HER PHOTOGRAPHER TEDDY COOPER WENT TO AN EVENT CALLED THE COMMONWEALTH'S INCLUSIVE CONCURRENT ENROLLMENT PROGRAM. IT BASICALLY GIVES STUDENTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES, WHO ARE BETWEEN 18 AND 22, THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN COLLEGE COURSES. THAT'S WHERE THEY MET A YOUNG MAN NAMED NIKKO TOLMAN. HE WAS BEING HONORED FOR PARTICIPATING AT BRIDGEWATER STATE UNIVERSITY. AFTER MEETING HIM, THEY TOLD OUR MARIA STEPHANOS. SHE JUST HAD TO TELL HIS STORY AS ONE OF HER "REAL PEOPLE, REAL STORIES..."

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Slug=SUMMER WORK

MOST KIDS WILL START SUMMER VACATION THIS WEEK. THEY'RE EXCITED FOR A BREAK. BUT THEN THE TEACHERS ASSIGN SUMMER HOMEWORK. KIDS HATE IT. MANY PARENTS DO AS WELL. SO WHY DO THEY NEED IT? JACKIE NICOLL FROM HUNTINGTON LEARNING CENTER IS HERE WITH US THIS MORNING TO WEIGH IN.

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Slug=TEEN BOARD OF EDUC

HE'S JUST 16 YEARS OLD BUT HE'S ALREADY ON HIS WAY TO MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN OUR SCHOOLS HERE IN MASSACHUSETTS. THIS IS DONALD WILLYARD. HE'S FROM REVERE AND IS ABOUT TO BE A JUNIOR AT THE PIONEER CHARTER SCHOOL OF SCIENCE IN EVERETT. HE'S ALSO JUST BEEN ELECTED AS THE CHAIR OF THE STATE STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL. THAT POSITION MEAN'S HE'LL BE REPRESENTING HIS PEERS AS A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION. IT'S A BIG RESPONSIBILITY, BUT DONALD SAYS HE'S UP FOR THE CHALLENGE.