

# Touchpoint Tuesday

November 4, 2025





# What We'll Cover

- ❖ Fiscal Updates
- ❖ Working Group Updates
- ❖ Early College Learning Hub
- ❖ Early College Rising
- ❖ Upcoming Dates





# Fiscal Updates: FY25 and FY26 Grants

## Important Deadlines

❖ November 30th: Summer FY26 FERs are due. FER can be used to claim any previously unclaimed final expenditures.

## Grantee Open Drop-in Office Hours

❖ Wednesday, November 12, 2025 | 1 pm – 3pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86286855023>

❖ Thursday, November 13, 2025 | 10 am – 12 pm

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89899162986>





# Fiscal Updates: FY25 and FY26 Grants

## Final Financial Reports (FER)

- ❖ FERs are due 60 days after the grant ends. If FY25 grantees have not completed the FER, please do so ASAP. Please contact Cashay Grant-Woods if you need support in completing the FER.

## Claiming Funds

- ❖ Please remember to submit requests for reimbursement. Request reimbursements ONLY for the funds used. Please do not submit reimbursements for any funds that are not yet used, and/or grantees do not plan to use.





# Fiscal Updates: Amendments

- ❖ Amendments are generated by grantees, and Cashay cannot open amendments on the grantee's behalf. Please go to the application, at the top, select APPLICATION REVISION STARTED to begin the process.
- ❖ Applications do not need to be amended if there is no significant change in the Program's objectives, and less than or equal to \$100 or 10% of the line (whichever is greater), or does not exceed \$10,000.





# Fiscal Updates: GEM\$ Info

- ❖ If applications are returned for edits, please review the comment section to see what is being requested. Please give it your prompt attention. Grantees will not be able to use the funding as desired until it is DESE fiscally approved.
- ❖ The contractual service line-item is only for expenses under \$25K. Expenses greater than \$25K should go under the MAJOR contractual service line. Applications will be returned for edits if items are classified incorrectly.





# Fiscal Updates: FC461A and 461B

## School Year FY26 Early College Planning Grant FC461

- ❖ **Option A (FC461A)** is available in GEM\$. All applications must be at the LEA Superintendent step by the deadline of Friday, November 7th.
- ❖ **Option B (FC461B)** is available in GEM\$. All applications must be at the LEA Superintendent step by the deadline of Friday, November 21st. Please note, you can begin the application, but you will not be able to submit budgets for review until the funding is loaded. Please allow 1 to 2 weeks for this to be completed.





# Fiscal Updates: ISAs

## Public IHEs ONLY

- ❖ For programs that require an ISA, you cannot use or allocate funding until the ISA is finalized. The Office of Early College does not manage or disperse ISAs. The Office of Grants Management is solely responsible for this component.
- ❖ In GEM\$, if your program's name begins with ISA, you are responsible for ensuring your ISAs are accurate and reflect your current budget.
- ❖ This information does not pertain to private Colleges and Universities.





# Fiscal Updates

If you have any issues or concerns, please email Cashay Grant-Woods at [Cashay.c.grant-woods@mass.gov](mailto:Cashay.c.grant-woods@mass.gov) for support.

Thank you for your patience and collaboration.

Happy Spending.





# Working Group Meetings

The joint Early College Working Group Meetings will be held on the second Thursday from **10:00 a.m. to noon.**

Dates for the 2025-2026 academic year are:

- ❖ November 13, 2025 – next week!
- ❖ December 11, 2025
- ❖ January 8, 2026
- ❖ February 12, 2026
- ❖ March 12, 2026
- ❖ April 9, 2026

To join Working Group meetings, click [HERE](#).

Registration is not required.





# Working Group Leadership

- ❖ Leah Brundige, Salem State
- ❖ Amie Capodanno, Waltham High School
- ❖ Peggy Fallon, Greenfield Community College
- ❖ Chanel Kiett-Williams, North Shore Community College
- ❖ Amy Kozlowski, Milford High School
- ❖ Jim McDonald, Lynn Public Schools
- ❖ Michael O'Shea, Cambridge Rindge and Latin School
- ❖ Madeira Thayer, Margarita Muniz Academy (BPS)

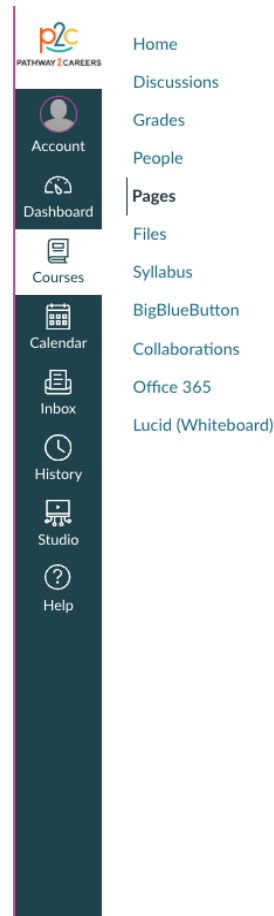




# Early College Learning Hub

❖ Overview of  
Early College  
Learning Hub

❖ Link to Join sent  
via Email



## Welcome to the MA Early College Learning Hub

[Pathway2Careers](#), in partnership with the [Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education](#) and [Department of Higher Education](#), provides technical assistance, coaching, and resources for Massachusetts Early College designees, applicants, and prospective applicants. You will find information specific to designated Early College programs in this Learning Hub.

*"Rising for Student Success. Rooted in Unity."*

*A shared commitment to building strong foundations and working collaboratively to ensure every student has the opportunity to thrive.*

This year's Early College theme embodies the collective spirit and strategic direction of our work across Massachusetts. Together, we are grounded in readiness, united in purpose, and rising with opportunity for every student.

## Quick Links





# Early College Rising



*Planted with Purpose. Growing with Equity.  
Rising with Opportunity for Early College in Massachusetts.*

Let's hear it for those  
who rise for every  
child and one  
another!



# Coming Up

- ❖ **November 13** – 10:a.m. to noon – Working Group Meeting – Click [HERE](#) to join
- ❖ **November 18** – 1:00 p.m. – Next Touchpoint Tuesday Meeting





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## MASSACHUSETTS EARLY COLLEGE COMMUNITY OF PRACTICE RESOURCE SITE

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Massachusetts Early College provides a structured program of study and supports that increases college success and career readiness while prioritizing students historically underserved in higher education.



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