

SCHOOL on WHEELS

MASSACHUSETTS

Educate Kids
Empower Families
End Homelessness



Changing the Face of Homelessness

One Child at a Time

Bridge Mentoring



Backpacks



Tutoring



IMPACT

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

Our **mission** is to support the academic, social and emotional growth of students impacted by homelessness and poverty.



Our **vision** is for all students impacted by homelessness to have the academic, social and emotional support necessary to achieve a bright and productive future that will help end the cycle of homelessness.



A backpack often serves as a personal locker for children living in crowded quarters, such as family shelters, transitional housing and hotels.

7,306

**CUSTOMIZED
BACKPACKS**

More than 7,300 students received new backpacks with customized, grade-level books & supplies





Tutoring children from pre-k through high school

14 TUTORING COMMUNITIES

Attleboro, Brockton, Boston,
Fall River, Kingston, Lowell,
Middleboro, Norwell,
New Bedford, Plymouth,
Rockland, Stoughton,
Taunton, Weymouth





Mentors guide students through high school, college, vocational training and career opportunities.

101 MENTORING STUDENTS

- High school, college & vocational guidance
- GED & HiSet study
- Internships
- Scholarships
- Job placement
- Apprenticeships



Backpacks

7,306 Student Recipients

41 Massachusetts Communities

13% Increase in Distribution
over FY 22

Tutoring

262 Students

108 Volunteer Tutors

5,093 Interactive Sessions

Bridge Mentoring

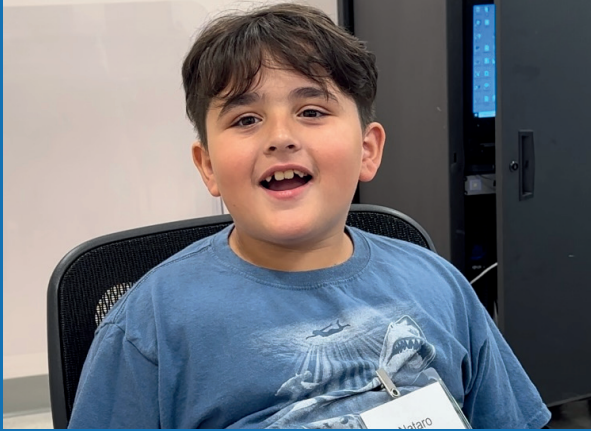
101 Mentoring Students

40 Mentor / Mentee Matches

11 High School and College
Graduates in 2023

Student Aspirations

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Me and my sister are going to open a restaurant for kids. We're going to go around giving free food out to homeless people with \$100 in each box. Burgers, french fries, hot dogs - you name it we got it!" - William, age 8



I've always wanted to inspire kids to draw. You draw how you feel and it explains how you feel inside. I want to be a teacher at a school, or a therapist. - Angela, age 12



I want to be a lawyer. I think either criminal law or immigration law. I was talking to a lawyer and she said you can be a lawyer too! I love challenges.

- *Bonity, Age 16*

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Strategic Plan

Our five-year plan is to expand our reach to serve more students. Current gateway cities and surrounding areas served include Plymouth, Bristol and Norfolk counties.

Expansion plans include Suffolk (Boston), Middlesex and Essex Counties. Our long-term vision is to support students in Worcester and Hampden (Springfield) counties.

- Family Shelters
- Congregate site models
- Scattered site learning centers such as libraries and community partner locations



Massachusetts Students Identified as Homeless

24,000



Source: Massachusetts Department of Education, 2023

The Average Age of a Homeless Person in Massachusetts is




8-Years-Old



Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

School on Wheels of Massachusetts is committed to cultivating a diverse staff and volunteer base by promoting a culture of inclusivity and belonging.

To reflect our diverse student population, we are committed to continuing to increase diversity & inclusion throughout our organization, including staff, volunteers and Board of Directors.

-  **Recruit tutors & mentors that reflect the diversity of our students**
-  **Provide training to support diversity & inclusion**
-  **Develop the Board through a diversity & inclusion lens**

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