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Supt. Tremblay and Chair Sousa,

We wanted to share the great news that BLOCKS Director Rosie Alvarez will be receiving the 2022 Latino Excellence Award from the Massachusetts Black & Latino Legislative Caucus (MBLLC) in a virtual awards ceremony on Thursday evening. Rosie was nominated for this award by Senate President Karen Spilka in recognition of her trailblazing accomplishments over decades of effort in the Framingham Public Schools.

For more information about this event and the award, you can go to <https://www.facebook.com/MABlackLatinoCaucus/>, where you can read, "The 2022 Latino Excellence Awards event is an annual event hosted by the Black and Latino Legislative Caucus to commemorate Latinx Community leaders and trailblazers that are moving the needle forward in cities and towns across the state."

Of Rosie's work, the Senate President observed in her nomination submission, "Rosario Alvarez began pioneering approaches to early childhood education even before she became director of Framingham Public School District's BLOCKS preschool in 1989. Cuban-born and already a bilingual educator of 15 years, Rosie set about building a program that would meet the needs of each preschooler; she was undaunted by the diversity of needs, backgrounds, challenges, and interests that the children brought Creating and maintaining an integrated culture of inclusion, no matter what the child's language or special needs, was trailblazing three decades ago and continues to require [Rosie's] constant advocacy and tenacity. She envisioned BLOCKS as a cohesive community, and to that end, Rosie created a learning environment for the entire family that would enable the students *and* their families to live their best lives."

Please feel free to share this information, and to let us know if you have any questions about MBLLC or this award.
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