

**State Task Force on Developing Opportunities for Youth and
Young Adults Who Are Jobless and Out-of-School**

**Help Build the Economy
Help Strengthen Our Youth and Communities
Prepare, Educate and Employ Jobless and Out-of-School Youth**

**Youth Employment Hearing
Friday, March 2, 2018
9 AM to 12 Noon
Malcolm X College
1900 W. Jackson Blvd, Conference Room 1107**

AGENDA

- 9:00 AM Registration**
- 9:30 AM Welcome and Brief Recognition of Leaders on Youth Employment Issues**
Shari Runner, CEO, Chicago Urban League
Reyahd Kazmi, Director of Business and Government Strategies, National Youth Advocate Program
Quiwana Bell, COO, Westside Health Authority
David Whittaker, Executive Director, Chicago Area Project
Sheila Venson, Executive Director, Youth Connection Charter School
Jack Wuest, Executive Director, Alternative Schools Network
- 9:40 AM Program Overview**
Senator Mattie Hunter, D-3, Task Force Co-Chair
Representative Sonya Harper, D-6, Task Force Co-Chair
- 9:50 AM Overview of Data Regarding Out of School and Jobless Youth in Chicago, Cook County, Illinois and the Country - Matt Wilson, Economic Development Planner, University of Illinois at Chicago's Great Cities Institute**
- 9:55 AM Karin Norington-Reaves, CEO, Chicago Cook Workforce Partnership**
- 10:05 AM David A. Sanders, Interim President, Malcolm X College**
- 10:10 AM Moderator - Robin Robinson, Director of Community Affairs at Chicago Police Department, News Reporter at Fox 32 News**
- Discussion and Dialogue with Elected Officials and the Group Composed of 5 Youth/Young Adults and 5 Business People that Work Directly with Youth from Westside Health Authority, The Chicago Urban League, Chicago Area Project, National Youth Advocate Program, Alternative Schools Network**
- 11:10 AM Discussion with Audience, Elected Officials and Group of Business and Youth**
- 11:35 AM Closing Remarks**
- 11:40 AM Meet Your Elected Officials**

** Youth Tour at Noon led by Interim President Sanders*