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Holyoke High School has provided workshops to instruct students on college applications, college visits, and most importantly, financial aid. Rigali said these workshops have taken different forms, but the human connection between the colleges and the students is very effective.

"We hope this event will give the kids the confidence they need to go out and apply to the colleges they want to go to," said Cardona. Rigali said the opportunity was open to students throughout the region.

"We called up the area schools and invited their students to come out where all the colleges would be," she said.

Most of the region's colleges were represented, including both HCC and STCC, the area's community colleges, Springfield College, AIC, Elms, Mount Holyoke, and Westfield State. There were also representatives from a couple of Connecticut Colleges present.

Melanie Duzman, 17, said she had the opportunity to meet some different people, but re-affirmed she wants to attend STCC for its nursing program and the chance to continue participating in track.

"I was able to learn what I would need for my application and what grades I would need to go there," said Duzman.



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There were 18 different colleges represented at the fair held Tuesday afternoon at Holyoke High School.

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On top of the \$1.1 million needed, there is also a \$2.5 million "reconciliation discrepancy" that City Auditor Joshua Pueschel said has yet to be resolved. Pueschel, who came aboard for Morse in April, has been working with auditors for months to clear up the books and bring everything in balance.

Council President Kevin Jourdain and Ward 5 Councilor Linda Vacon blamed wasteful spending and other irresponsible practices for the deficit.

Councilors Howard Greaney, Jr. and Daniel Bresnahan both said they were not willing to risk the retirement fund when other line items in the budget can be slashed as well use of a \$12.5 million stabilization fund the city does not have to reimburse.

Pueschel outlined the \$1.1 million budget gap, saying there was just \$195,000 in new growth, \$423,000 below projections, \$234,000 in cherry sheet offsets (money from the state), and other smaller deficits.

The alternate solution, which the

council may have to face unless a special meeting is held soon with a different transfer plan, is to borrow money to make up for the first quarter property taxes that cannot be collected.

Without a balanced budget, the city council cannot set a tax rate as well as a tax shift for residents and businesses. With no tax rate, property tax bills cannot be sent out and the city will need funds for cash flow.

The city can borrow money, known as a tax anticipation bond, while the city works out its deficit issues and sets a tax

rate. But the borrowing will cost the city unnecessary interest charges, perhaps as much as \$50,000 per \$1 million borrowed.

Jourdain chided the mayor for having a poor plan to address the deficit, but in the interest of not holding back tax bills, did vote for the transfer.

Vacon, Greaney, Bresnahan, and Councilors Todd McGee and Michael Sullivan voted against. Without 10 votes, the transfer did not pass. Councilors Diosdado Lopez and Nelson Roman were absent from the meeting.

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Proposals will be available electronically on 11/29/17 at 10:00 AM @ belangerl@holyoke.org, or sheridanb@holyoke.org.

There will be a site visit on 12/19/17 at 9:00 AM. Registration requested by contacting John Dyjach @ djyachj@holyoke.org.

The City of Holyoke reserves the right to reject any and/or all proposals.

Lori Belanger
Chief Procurement Officer
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Holyoke, MA 01040
413-322-5650
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12/01, 12/08/17

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
The Trial Court
Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
Springfield, MA 01103
Docket No. HD17P2272GD
In the Interests of
Sebastian Aleister Edward
Provost
Of Holyoke, MA
Minor**

**NOTICE AND ORDER:
PETITION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF
GUARDIAN OF A MINOR
NOTICE TO ALL
INTERESTED PARTIES**
1. **Hearing Date/Time:**
A hearing on a Petition for

Appointment of Guardian of a Minor filed on 11/29/2017 by **Tara A. Provost-Holmes** of Chicopee, MA will be held **01/03/2018 08:15 AM Guardianship of Minor Hearing**. Located 50 State Street, 4th Floor Springfield, MA 01103

2. **Response to Petition:** You may respond by filing a written response to the Petition or by appearing in person at the hearing. If you choose to file a written response, you need to:

File the original with the Court;

and Mail a copy to all interested parties at least five (5) business days before the hearing.

3. **Counsel for the Minor:** The minor (or an adult on behalf of the minor) has the right to request that counsel be appointed for the minor.

4. **Counsel for Parents:** If you are a parent of the minor child who is the subject of this proceeding you have a right to be represented by an attorney. If you want an attorney and cannot afford to pay for one and if you give proof that you are indigent, an attorney will be assigned to you. Your request for an attorney should be made immediately by filling out the Application of Appointment of Counsel form. Submit the application form in person or by mail at the court location where your case is going to be heard.

5. **Presence of the Minor at Hearing:** A minor over age 14 has the right to be present at any hearing, unless the Court finds that it is not in the minor's best interests.

Date: November 29, 2017
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
12/08/17

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