



SCHOOL BUS

When the School Bus Stops Coming

Transition Planning: from High School to Adulthood

Date: **Wed. March 11, 2026**
(snow date March 18th)

Time: **6:00-8:00 p.m.**

Location: **Greater New Bedford Vocational School**
1121 Ashley Boulevard
New Bedford, MA OR
Online attendance also available

Who Should Attend:

Parents, Guardians, Family Members,
Agency Staff, Teachers, Social Workers.

We'll be discussing such topics as:

- Eligibility for government benefits
- Adult supports and services
- The ABLE Act
- Preserving eligibility when parents die or are infirm
- Guardianship and alternatives to Guardianship
- Anticipated cuts to MassHealth beginning Jan. 2027

All interested RSVP to Sherri Tetrault:

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MEET THE PRESENTERS:



Nationally recognized for her work, **Theresa M. Varnet** has been an advocate for persons with disabilities for over 40 years. In addition to being a lawyer, she is a certified teacher, licensed social worker and the parent of a disabled adult daughter.



Michael T. Lahti has practiced law since 1995, concentrating in estate planning, taxation, probate, estate and trust administration, elder law and long-term-care planning.



Kelly A. Akana is an Associate in the Trusts and Estate Department, with a focus in estate planning and estate administration. Ms. Akana also represents clients in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings in Probate and Family Court in Massachusetts.



Mia H. Lahti counsels clients in estate planning, elder law, probate and estate administration, trusts and wills, long term care and nursing home planning and guardianships.

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