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American Bar Association Joint Task Force on Reversing the School To Prison Pipeline to Hold Regional Town Hall in Miami, Florida

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The American Bar Association’s Joint Task Force on Reversing the School To Prison Pipeline will hold a regional town hall forum in Miami, Florida on Thursday, May 14, 2015, from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at Miami Dade College Wolfson Campus, James K. Batten Community Room (Room 2106), 300 N.W. 2nd Avenue.

This event is hosted locally by the Wilkie D. Ferguson, Jr. Bar Association and the Law Center at Miami Dade College.

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This town hall is free and open to members of the public. Attendees are strongly encouraged to RSVP.

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