

October 15, 2020

Dear Friend of Stars,

As you know, the Board of Directors of Stars has been conducting an extensive search to find a replacement for Sheri Adlin, our long-serving, much admired, and extremely dedicated leader for over twenty-five years. On behalf of the Stars Board of Directors, I am pleased to announce that Dr. Jennifer Curtis-Whipple has been selected as our next Executive Director, a role she will assume on March 1, 2021. We are excited to have found a candidate with Jennifer's deep commitment to education and the children and families on the South Shore.

Since 2016, Jennifer has served as the Superintendent of the Weymouth Public Schools, where she has also served as an Assistant Superintendent, Principal, classroom teacher and instructional coach during her twenty-five year tenure with the district. As the district's leader, Jennifer is credited with garnering multiple grants and donations, and fostering collaborations with many community stakeholders. A highly respected and experienced educator, Jennifer has been the recipient of several awards, including being named a South Shore Stars 40 Under 40 recipient and receiving the Administrator's Award from the MA Music Educators Association.

Jennifer earned an Ed.D. in supervision and leadership from Northeastern University in 2012, and she also holds a master's degree in education from Cambridge College and a bachelor's degree in elementary and special education from Providence College.

Jennifer notes that she is "thrilled to be joining Stars, an organization that I know well. I am extremely excited to support its comprehensive early education and youth development programs that enhance the optimal growth of children from economically and culturally diverse families. This is a wonderful new chapter in my professional career!"

Also, on behalf of the Board and staff, I would like to thank Sheri Adlin, who has so wonderfully and graciously guided Stars for many years. Sheri notes that "I am very privileged to have had the opportunity to serve as Stars Executive Director. I am retiring, knowing that under Jennifer's leadership with the support of our extraordinary Board of Directors and staff, Stars will continue to provide excellence at the very highest level in education, academic enrichment and family support to thousands more South Shore children and families for many more years to come."

Please join us in welcoming Jennifer to Stars!

Sincerely,
Christopher Ernest
Chair, Stars Board of Directors