Sposato Graduate School of Education

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The Charles Sposato Graduate School of Education welcomes new Dean, Dr. Jalene Tamerat

BOSTON—The Board of Directors of The Charles Sposato Graduate School of Education, Inc. ("Sposato") is pleased to announce that Dr. Jalene Tamerat will be the next Dean of Sposato.

After a competitive national search, Sposato's Board voted unanimously to hire Dr. Tamerat. She comes to Sposato having served as the Director of New Teacher Development at Boston Public Schools ("BPS") for the last three years. Prior to that, she was a math and science teacher at Josiah Quincy Upper School and New Boston Pilot Middle School in BPS. In 2018, she earned her Doctorate of Education from Boston University ("BU"), and since 2016 she has served as an adjunct instructor of BU's general instructional methods post-baccalaureate course for Teach For America corps members in their first year of teaching. She also earned a Master's in Education Policy and Management from Harvard University in 2010, serving as a James Bryant Conant Fellow.

The Sposato faculty and the larger Match Education organization are thrilled to welcome Dr. Tamerat. Match Education CEO, Nnenna Ude, says "Dr. Tamerat brings a wealth of experience to Sposato. From her experience teaching in BPS to training teachers in TFA and leading training for new BPS teachers, she understands what it takes to fulfill the Sposato mission of training highly effective first-year teachers. I am excited to see her lead Sposato and its continued evolution in its next chapter."

Dr. Tamerat is a Boston native who attended Boston Latin School and then earned her B.A. in Political Science and African American Studies from UMASS Amherst and her M.A. in Teaching from Emmanuel College. Dr. Tamerat commented, "I am both honored and excited to join Sposato during this time of significant change. While at the moment so much in our world appears to be in flux, I am encouraged by my new organization's commitment to building strong teachers and leading innovations to usher in a new educational landscape for the students who need it most. Grateful to the Match Education family for welcoming me with open arms, I look forward to many years of collaboration with the Match community, partners, and stakeholders to do the important work that lies ahead."

"Dr. Tamerat brings a deep and long commitment to working with educators. We are thrilled that she will lead our organization, pushing forward its commitment to preparing teachers with training that is rigorous, transformative, and agency-building," said Spencer Blasdale, Chairman of Sposato's Board of

Directors.

Dr. Tamerat succeeds Scott McCue who has worked at Sposato since its inception in 2012. "We are deeply indebted to Scott for his wise, determined, and caring leadership of the Sposato program. He helped found a unique graduate educational program, pulled together an outstanding staff and created a culture of high expectations, personalized attention, and focused mission all in the name of providing excellent teachers for deserving young people. We will miss Scott and wish him the very best in his new ventures," said Ann Sagan, a founding member of Sposato's Board of Directors.

Mr. McCue commented, "Since 2012, we have established Sposato as a national leader in training unusually effective novice teachers. As we move into a new decade, Jalene is exactly the right leader to tackle emerging opportunities. I'm thrilled to be able to leave the organization in her capable hands, and am excited to see all that she and Sposato accomplish in this next chapter."

The appointment of Dr. Tamerat as Dean of Sposato is to become effective on Wednesday, July 1, 2020.

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Sposato is an alternative graduate school of education whose mission is to prepare unusually effective first-year teachers, who train as residents and associate teachers in high-performing public schools in Boston, to succeed in high-poverty schools. Through Sposato, we aim to uncover new insights about the nature of great teaching and then develop, validate, and disseminate innovative approaches to teacher preparation. Sposato is one of three bodies of work under the <u>Match Education</u> brand name. Learn more at <u>www.sposatogse.org</u>.