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# **2016 ADMINISTRATOR AWARD**



#### Amy Berdos, Ed.D.

Dr. Berdos is the Assistant Superintendent for the Foxborough Public Schools and has served in this role for the past five years. After graduating from Texas A&M University with a degree from the College of Architecture she changed directions and entered the field of education obtaining a Master's degree in Elementary Education from Bridgewater State College. She started her teaching career as a sixth grade teacher at North Pembroke Elementary School and then went on to teach second and third grade students at L.G. Nourse Elementary School in Norton, Massachusetts. After teaching for ten years and completing her Certificate of Advanced Graduate Study in Educational Leadership from Bridgewater State College she left the classroom to serve as Norton Public School's K-8 Curriculum Coordinator. This role

quickly expanded to overseeing K-12 education as the Director of Curriculum and Instruction. During this time she completed her Doctorate in Leadership in Schooling from the University of Massachusetts Lowell. In her current role as Assistant Superintendent in Foxborough, she has helped lead and advance educational technology initiatives districtwide. She has a passion for working with teachers to increase technology integration into their curriculum and expand digital learning opportunities for students. Dr. Berdos has a firm belief that we need to change the educational landscape to meet all students needs and is excited to participate in the transformation of our schools during this challenging time. Dr. Berdos and her husband live in Plainville with their four children.



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# **2016 PATHFINDER AWARDS**



# **Kerry Gallagher**

Kerry Gallagher is a Digital Learning Specialist at St. John's Prep in Danvers, Massachusetts. She is also the Director of K-12 Education for ConnectSafely, a Silicon Valley-based non-profit dedicated to educating users of connected technology about safety, privacy, and security. Kerry is on the TES Global Teacher Advisory Board, the LearnLaunch Crossing Boundaries Advisory Board, and Coordinator of the annual Blue Ribbon Schools of Excellence Student Leadership Institute.

Kerry is the 2014 recipient of the Yale-Lynn Hall Teacher Action Research Prize for her submission "Mobile Devices and Student Innovators: BYOD and the Paperless Classroom Model." She is a 2015 PBS LearningMedia Digital Innovator. Kerry was recognized by Google and the Family Online Safety Institute with the 2015 Outstanding

Achievement Award for exceptional work in the field of online safety in November 2015. Kerry was the opening Ignite speaker for ISTE's 2016 conference and is a 2016 ASCD Emerging Leader.

Kerry speaks and publishes articles often and is a regular contributing writer for EdSurge, Smarter Schools Project, and Corwin-Connect. Kerry's own blog, Start With a Question, was named among EdTech K-12's 50 Must Read Blogs for 2016. She holds a B.A. in Politics, a Juris Doctor, and is sworn into the Massachusetts Bar. She is also a Level II certified Professional Ski Instructor of America and a seasoned ski racer and coach.

You can read her blog at www.KerryHawk02.com and on Twitter @KerryHawk02.



## Martin R. Geoghegan

Martin R. Geoghegan is the Principal of the John T. Nichols, Jr. Middle School in Middleborough, Massachusetts. Since Marty started at the Nichols, it has gone from little technology to a BYOD school to a 1-to-1 Chromebook environment, where Google Apps for Education is helping his students see greater success. He was a high school and middle school English teacher before he made his way into administration. He is currently the President of the Massachusetts ASCD Board of Directors and the Middle Level Chair on the MSSAA Board. He founded and moderates the #MSSAAchat on the second Tuesday of each month for all educators. Marty has a BA in English and an MA in Education from the University of Connecticut, as well as a Master's of Education in Administration

from Endicott College. He lives in Scituate with his wife and two sons where he tries to carve out some time to coach when he's not tweeting.



### **Jennifer Judkins**

Jennifer Judkins provides on-going professional development as well as in-class support to teachers and students in grades K-12 as a Digital Learning Coordinator in the Lynnfield Public Schools District. An experienced middle and high school science teacher, she knows first-hand how technology can extend learning and engage students in ways that challenge them to higher levels of thinking. Jenn is a Google for Education Certified Trainer and has been recognized as the 2015 PBS Lead Digital Innovator. A regular presenter at regional and national conferences, Jenn is passionate about

helping teachers gain confidence and proficiency in their use of technology. Jenn curates useful technology resources, tip sheets and integration ideas for educators on her blog, www.teachingforward.net and is a co-host on the TechEducator Podcast. She can be found on Twitter @jennjudkins.



### **Karen Winsper**

Karen Winsper is a veteran Massachusetts educator who began her career in the Dartmouth Public Schools as an elementary and middle school classroom teacher and then moved to the Plymouth Public Schools to work as a technology integration specialist.

Since joining the Norton Public Schools in 2014, Karen has revitalized a technology program that was stagnant for many years. A constant advocate for students and teachers, she has been instrumental in moving the district towards a one-toworld learning approach. Her impact can be seen at all levels through redefined programs, grant funded projects,

community partnerships, and increased access to modern technology. She believes strongly in providing educators with opportunities to take risks in order to improve innovative practices. Karen can often be found patiently working with students, collaborating with staff or providing individualized technology support to anyone who needs it.

Karen is a proud member of the MassCUE Communications Committee, Southeast, Cape & Islands Technology Administrators SIG, METAA Board Member, DKG, and Edcamp SEMass Founding Team Member. She lives in Rochester with her husband, Jim, and children, Josh & Julia.