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Congratulations Jolanta

On behalf of Patricia Gregson, Associate Commissioner
The Center for Vocational, Workforce, and College Readiness Programs

Dear Colleagues:

I am pleased to announce Jolanta Conway as the new Director for Adult and Community Learning Services (ACLS) at the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE).

Jolanta assumed the Acting ABE Director position in December after Anne Serino's passing in November. Anne was a dedicated leader who brought a lifetime of commitment and service of equal opportunity for thousands to undereducated and limited English proficient adults in the Commonwealth. Jolanta shares Anne's vision and is committed to the continued strengthening of the connections with higher education and the workforce development system to ensure that students have access to high quality services that prepare them for success in college, further training, at work, and in the community.

Jolanta began her career in adult education 16 years ago teaching English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to adult learners at ABCD Head

Start in Roslindale in the evenings and teaching ESOL to elementary and high school students at Winchester Public Schools during the day. She quickly realized that her passion was working with adults and pursued her career in the field of adult education. She worked at Mother Caroline Academy in Dorchester and later became a program director for the Hudson Maynard Adult Learning Center.

In 2007 she joined the ACLS Unit at the Department as a program specialist, then became a team leader in the unit. As a member of the ACLS leadership team she has been actively involved in shaping ACLS policy and providing leadership for the unit and the ABE field. She led the Performance Based Funding Task Force, managed Distance Learning in Massachusetts, led the Educator Policy Team and the Teacher Task Force, and provided oversight to the development of the teacher evaluation pilot.

Originally from Rybnik, Poland, she moved to the United States in 1997. She holds a master's degree in English Language and Literature from the University of Silesia, Poland. Jolanta and her husband Terrance have two daughters and live in Medford.

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Keep up the good work. Let me know when we can help.

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