

# **New Bedford teacher named to curriculum associates' 2023 class of extraordinary educators**

*"Jessica Peixoto of Ellen R. Hathaway School in New Bedford receives national recognition for her best-in-class teaching and use of educational programs.*

Curriculum Associates has named Jessica Peixoto of Ellen R. Hathaway School in New Bedford, MA to its 2023 class of Extraordinary Educators, an annual program that celebrates and connects exemplar teachers in Grades K–8 from around the country. Chosen from hundreds of nominations, Peixoto is among 30 educators from 22 states selected for exhibiting best-in-class use of i-Ready®, i-Ready Classroom Mathematics, and/or Ready®, illustrating growth and achievement via formal assessments, demonstrating innovation and engagement practices for students, being evangelists for high expectations and student achievement, championing equity, and having taught for at least two years.

"Teachers are true rockstars," said Emily McCann, vice president of educator community at Curriculum Associates. "This year's Extraordinary Educators are no exception—they were chosen from hundreds of nominations and represent the best of the best. We are happy to recognize and celebrate Jessica for her amazing work in the classroom and look forward to providing her with ongoing professional learning and networking opportunities to help her continue to grow her craft."



*Jessica Peixoto. Photo by Jessica Axt.*

With nearly 340 years of combined teaching experience, this year's class of Extraordinary Educators includes classroom teachers, special education teachers, and instructional

specialists. All of the educators were ultimately selected by an advisory board featuring leaders from Curriculum Associates, previously inducted Extraordinary Educators, and a college student pursuing a degree in urban education.

The Extraordinary Educators will have continued access to a network of peers from around the country to collaborate, connect, and learn from throughout the year, as well as access to professional development opportunities from Curriculum Associates. They will also be invited to participate and present at the Extraordinary Educators Leadership Summit and other professional learning events.

“I am excited to be named an Extraordinary Educator because success matters to me,” said Peixoto. “I have always made sure that I instill and invest the drive to succeed in all my students and to their academic ability. I’m looking forward to learning more about data-driven insights and engaging and investing in my students’ learning at their highest level.”

This is the fourth year of the Extraordinary Educators program. This year’s class joins 110 additional educators from across the country in receiving this recognition.

Today, Curriculum Associates’ programs are used in two-thirds of Massachusetts school districts.”