

Lynn S. Feldman Distinguished Arts Educator Advocate Visual Art

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Jennifer Ferrari, M.Ed, is a mom, wife, educator, artist, researcher, and advocate who believes wholeheartedly in the power of art to educate, shape, unite, challenge, and inspire. Her passion for art education shines as she works alongside students in their learner-directed classroom and is evident in her student centered curriculum which focuses on DEI, culturally-responsive teaching, and social-emotional learning. She is currently the visual art teacher at Lane Elementary School in Bedford, MA with prior roles including an array of teaching and leadership positions in public schools, summer arts programs, and adult continuing education programs throughout the northeastern United States.

She currently serves on the Board of Directors for Teaching for Artistic Behavior (TAB), Inc. and is the co-host of the podcast TAB Storytellers. She also functions as a Regional Leader for TAB Northeast, a regional division of TAB, Inc. In these roles, she provides professional development opportunities for educators seeking to expand their TAB and choice-based practices, specializing in inquiry-based learning, curriculum development, assessment, and advocacy. She enjoys writing about TAB and choice-based art education for publications such as School Arts magazine and the National Art Education Association (NAEA)'s Art Education journal, as well as presenting at state and national conferences. In 2023, she will be co-presenting on "Inquiry & Art Education" for the NAEA's Webinar Series, a virtual professional development opportunity for art educators around the globe.

When not creating with her students at Lane, you can find her spending time with her two young children, Nicholas and Benjamin, and her husband, Brendan.