



Dr. Sean McCarthy
Interim Head of School

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Statement from Bentley Academy Board of Trustees Chairperson, Ryan Lovell

On August 19, the Board of Trustees of Bentley Academy Charter School voted unanimously to approve Sean McCarthy's appointment as Interim Head of School for the 2019-2020 school year. On behalf of the Board, we are thrilled that Sean is our new leader to guide Bentley through the upcoming year. Dr. McCarthy's appointment is the result of a thorough and competitive process that included three rounds of interviews with Bentley stakeholders, including teachers, parents, Board and community members. We want to also acknowledge Marlena Afonso's significant contributions to Bentley over the past several years, and wish her the best as she transitions to her new role with the Lynch Leadership Academy at Boston College. Over the next couple of weeks, Jenna Cripps, Bentley's Head of Operations, and Marlena will be working closely with Dr. McCarthy for a smooth and seamless transition.

Dr. McCarthy comes to us with a wealth of experience with his over 20 years experience as an educator. He has spent most of his academic career in the Lawrence Public Schools District. Most recently, Dr. McCarthy completed his doctorate at the University of Massachusetts Lowell in Leadership and Schooling. As a school community we are ecstatic that Dr. McCarthy has joined our team. We look forward to continuing to work to get our scholars to and through College with his support.

Statement from Dr. McCarthy:

It has become quickly apparent to me that Bentley Academy Charter School has a solid group of invested and collaborative Educators and fantastic Scholars. I am quite fortunate to have been selected to lead such a terrific school. My goal is to continue to support and enhance the significant progress that has already been made.