

Salem Community Charter School

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*This is prepared by the founding group of the proposed
Salem Community Charter School.*

Deborah Amaral, Executive Director of the Salem YMCA, has worked in youth development for 25 years. She has a BA from Drew University and MBA with a concentration in public and not-for-profit management from Boston University. Ms. Amaral has been a foster parent to 7 children, 5 of whom were teens with a CHINS placement. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Salem Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Salem Rotary, the Department of Children and Families (DCF) Cape Ann regional advisory office, the DCF Statewide Advisory Board and the Youth Pipeline for the Workforce Investment Board. Ms. Amaral was a founding member of the Salem Academy Charter School and has considerable charter school experience.

Edward N. Bailey, MD FAAP is the Chair of Pediatrics at MassGeneral for Children at North Shore Medical Center in Salem and a Section Chief at Mass General. He is a board certified pediatrician, Associate Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Harvard Medical School, Medical Consultant to the Northshore Education Consortium and Medical Director of Essex Child Advocacy Center. Previous experience includes Chair of the Board of the Massachusetts Children's Trust Fund, development of 11 school-based health centers in Western Mass and Medical Director for the Department of Youth Services in the Western Region.

Mary-Lou Breitborde, Ed.D. has been Associate Dean of Education at Salem State University since 2005, following 15 years as chair and professor of education at SSC. She is the founding Executive Director of the Northeast Regional Readiness Center and Director of the Center for Education and Community. Her PK-12 work in education includes program direction, development and evaluation for various school districts and classroom teaching in Massachusetts and California. Dr. Breitborde has published two books, *Teaching on Principle and Promise* (Houghton Mifflin) and *Educating the Global Village* (Prentice Hall) and several articles and book chapters. She regularly presents nationally and internationally on the relationship of culture, education and community schools. She has received research awards from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and from Knox College in Illinois. She holds Ed.D. and M.Ed. degrees from Boston University in humanistic, developmental and organizational studies, and an A.B. from Wheaton College in sociology.

Matthew F. Buchanan, Head Teacher / History Teacher of the Bridge Academy, an alternative program for 60 students within Salem High School, has been with the program for seven years. He is responsible for meeting the unique challenges of students at-risk of dropping out. The Bridge Academy believes that by upholding rigorous standards under a "no excuses," resiliency model, students will take an active role in their education and ultimately benefit themselves and rise to the challenge. Buchanan received a B.A. in

History from Stonehill College. He is pursuing a Masters in Administration at American International College.

William J. Cameron, Ph.D., J.D., has been Salem's Superintendent of Schools since 2007. He served as assistant superintendent in Pittsfield, Mass. For 10 years, and as Pittsfield's Director of Title I for 12 years. While working as an education attorney in New York for seven years, Dr. Cameron served two terms as a member of the Pittsfield School Committee. He holds a Ph.D. from the University of Toronto and a J.D. from Western New England College School of Law. He resides in Salem.

Lucy Corchado, President of the Point Neighborhood Association in Salem's Latino community, was a Salem City Councilor from 2003 to 2007. She serves as a member of the Salem No Place for Hate Committee. In 2008, Salem Mayor Kimberley Driscoll appointed her to the Neighborhood Improvement Advisory Council. Ms. Corchado works as the staff assistant to the Dean of Students at Salem State University. In 2010, the college awarded her the Martin Luther King Award for exemplifying King's teachings and making "outstanding and significant contributions to the cause of freedom, justice and equality."

Mary K. De Courcey, M.Ed is the lead administrator for the McIntire House at Salem High School. Her focus is on personalization, community engagement and empowerment. She actively seeks out parents and community partners to participate in developing learning opportunities for students in the tenth grade, The Bridge Academy (an alternative school) and students from the Structured English Immersion program. Previously, De Courcey provided educational and therapeutic support for emotionally and behaviorally challenged youth ages 12 – 21. She received her M.Ed. in Special Education and English B.A. from Framingham State College.

Robert Gass, M.Ed, recently retired following eight years as Executive Director of the Northshore Education Consortium. Mr. Gass has 42 years of experience in special education, child welfare and mental health services. He is in his eighth year as a Trustee of a regional Commonwealth Charter School in Norwell, including three years as the Board Chair and Chair of the Personnel Committee. He served as Chair of the Executive Search Committee, which hired a new Executive recently, and negotiated her contract.

Diana Resciniti is a 2010 graduate of Salem High School. She spent her entire high school career in the Bridge Academy, a small, alternative program with a strong support structure within Salem High School. Ms. Resciniti was an Honor Roll student throughout her senior year and won Academic Achievement Awards for English 3 and English 4. She will be attending North Shore Community College in the fall and plans to transfer to New York University in 2012.

Linda Saris is Co-Founder and Director of Salem CyberSpace, a program of North Shore Community Action Programs, Inc. that expands educational and career opportunities for low-income adults and youth. Salem CyberSpace engages 100 youth annually in programs designed to improve English literacy, computer literacy, college and workplace

readiness, and access to college and job internships. Ms. Saris received her B.A. in Economics and Urban Studies from the University of Pennsylvania and MBA in Finance and Accounting from the University of Chicago. Ms. Saris has held several senior management positions in the high-tech industry. She serves on the Board of Directors of Beverly Cooperative Bank, The Boston Club, Northeast Regional Readiness Center and North Shore Technology Council.