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**Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts
Announces Scott Evans as Executive Director**

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The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts is pleased to announce Scott Evans has been named Executive Director after a national search conducted by Arts Consulting Group and will start on July 1, 2024.

Evans will finish his tenure as the Senior Director of Visual and Performing Arts for the Orange County Public Schools in Orlando, Florida where he has been for the past 17 years. During his time there, arts education was expanded to all 200 schools in the district now serving over 165,000 students. He tirelessly worked to ensure that all students in Orange County Public Schools and across Florida had equitable opportunities to engage in the arts.

"The Trustees of the Eliot School are eager to welcome Scott into our community," said Melony Swasey, Chair of the Board of Trustees. "Scott is passionate about the power of art access, nurturing new leaders, and deepening community relationships. He brings an energetic, collaborative, and empowering approach to leadership, and we are excited by the possibilities of what he, the staff, the board, and the wider Eliot School community will create together in the coming years."

The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts has four core focus areas. It holds classes at its Jamaica Plain Schoolhouse for adults and children ages 2 to 100; sends teaching artists into Boston schools and community centers; nurtures teen artists and carpenters through its Teen Bridge and Career

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Pathways in Carpentry and Craft programs; and facilitates artisans' talks, faculty exhibitions, and other events throughout the year.

"I'm incredibly honored to join the Eliot School of Fine and Applied Arts family. The school's dedication to fostering creativity and celebrating diversity mirrors my own passion. My enthusiasm for providing people of all ages with a safe and welcoming space to explore their passions and further develop their artistry is also matched here at the Eliot School," Evans said. "I can't wait to get started in leading the team and collaborating with the board and community in nurturing an inclusive, creative environment for people of all ages. I look forward to what we can accomplish together!"

Building on an extraordinary 348-year history of educating people from all walks of life, the Eliot School's mission is to inspire lifelong learning in craftsmanship and creativity for all. It cultivates welcoming environments where people convene across a continuum of age, economic means, and backgrounds to build skills, craftsmanship, and community.

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The Eliot School of Fine & Applied Arts inspires lifelong learning in craft and creativity for all. We offer classes to people of all ages in woodworking, sewing and yarn, fiber arts, book arts, drawing, painting, photography, and other crafts and fine arts. We reach thousands of people each year from Boston and beyond.