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Match Education's Sposato Graduate School of Education is One Leading Member of a New National Center to Advance Teacher Preparation

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Boston – The [Sposato Graduate School of Education](#) (SGSE) at Match Education is part of a new national center – called *Teacher²*—that will be dedicated to transforming the way new teachers are prepared to teach U.S. public school students. The center is one of three new centers that received funding through a new initiative funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

Teacher² will unite teacher preparation programs around four themes: building novice teachers' competencies, supporting teacher educators, enabling data-driven improvement and meeting the needs of schools and communities. In practice, *Teacher²* will provide resources such as a searchable resource bank, standards and templates for data analysis, and a set of national teacher educator institutes.

“Our mission at Sposato is to prepare rookie teachers to succeed in high-need, urban classrooms,” said Orin Gutlerner, SGSE's director. “We are excited to be a part of *Teacher²* to share what we've learned – and even more importantly – to collaborate with and learn from other teacher preparation programs that are excelling outside of traditional schools of education.” Sposato graduates receive a Masters in Effective Teaching.

SGSE is one member of *Teacher²*, along with Aspire Public Schools, Urban Teachers and YES Prep Teaching Excellence and Relay Graduate School of Education ([Relay](#)), which is the lead grantee for the new center. *Teacher²* will partner with at least half a dozen teacher education programs to produce at least 2,500 effective, diverse novice teachers by the end of the 2018-2019 school year.

About Match Education

Match Education is an engine of discovery and applied innovation in education. It operates a high-performing urban K-12 public charter school, the Charles Sposato Graduate School of Education that trains teachers for high-poverty schools, and a hybrid college and jobs program that seeks unprecedented degree completion rates and employment outcomes. Out of this applied work, Match Education refines, validates empirically, and disseminates new ideas and practices on core questions in education reform. Learn more at www.matcheducation.org.

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