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Dear Silvia Community,

I am pleased to introduce Ms. Rebecca Csizmesia (Ms. Chez for short) as Silvia School's new music teacher effective Monday, April 22, 2019. Ms. Chez has been teaching music for 15 years with this school year being her 13th with Fall River Public Schools. Part of Ms. Chez's educational philosophy is the belief that all students deserve and benefit from a culturally responsive music education that will help them build 21st century skills such as critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and effective communication. Ms. Chez challenges her students to always do their best and never give up. Ms. Chez is passionate about her own professional growth and giving back to the field of Music Education. She currently serves as a panel facilitator for the development of the new Massachusetts music standards. In addition, she has presented at both national and statewide conferences for music educators, specialists, and core teachers. Some of the topics Ms. Chez has presented on are *Increasing Engagement for English Language Learners and Special Education Students*, *The Responsive Classroom Approach*, *Interactive Learning Structures*, and *Technology*. Ms. Chez is passionate about infusing technology into her music instruction and supporting students with actively using their music knowledge through a hands-on engaging approach. It is through this approach that she fosters a love for music within her students. This love for music and music education has led to amazing opportunities for her students such as performing with the Rhode Island Philharmonic the last three years in a row.

I know you will all join me in welcoming Ms. Chez to Silvia. You can follow her on Twitter @MrsJontos.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Lenz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish at the end.

Patrick Lenz

SILVIA STARS

*Stay safe * Treat others with kindness * Always do your best * Respect yourself, others, and the school*