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"I have been committed to education change for the better part of 30 years, and things have not necessarily improved for the folks who need change the most. So a radical departure from the way people think about education reform is needed. Our approach – which says it's the access to opportunities that's important, rather than the when and how – could yield real outcomes."

Jessica Spohn joined the Nellie Mae Education Foundation in 2007.

Jessica has more than 20 years' experience as an educator, working in elementary, secondary and adult basic education. For six years, she was Director of the Adult Basic Education (ABE) to College Transition Project at World Education, where she managed efforts to help adult learners gain access to – and persist – in college. While at World Education, Jessica also oversaw the development of the Massachusetts Adult Basic Education Curriculum Frameworks.

Jessica also previously worked as Coordinator of Accountability for the Charter School Office at the Massachusetts Department of Education, where she was responsible for all aspects of accountability for the state's 62 charter schools.

Jessica holds a bachelor's degree from Hampshire College and a master's degree in education from Hunter College.