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Kass Minor is an inclusive educator and author who is deeply involved in local, inquiry-based teacher research and school community development. Her newest book, *Teaching Fiercely: Spreading Joy and Justice in Our Schools* is a heartfelt, yet strategic journey that moves through the historical, personal, and professional school experience, catalyzing human-centered care and joy in classrooms everywhere—centering students at the core. Alongside partnerships with the Teachers College Inclusive Classrooms Project and the New York City Department of Education, since 2005, she has worked as a teacher, staff developer, adjunct professor, speaker, and researcher. A frequent blogger, writer, and podcaster on matters connected to developing more humane schools, she primarily serves as the co-founder and Chief Strategist of The Minor Collective, a community-based organization designed to foster sustainable inclusive practices in schools. While she has worked in numerous capacities in partnerships with universities, school districts, and is currently a doctoral student, classroom teacher has been her most coveted role. Her pedagogy is centered in joy from the communities that surround her and motivated by the idea that every adult can teach, and every student can learn. Teacherhood, paired with motherhood, has driven her love of information sharing, redefining who gets to be a knower in the fiery world we live in today. Ms. Kass can be contacted through her website:

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