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Dave Kramer serves as the Director of Green Programs at Boston Green Academy, Boston Public Schools' only school with a mission-level focus on sustainability and environmental justice and environmental science CTE (career and technical education) program. Known as "Big Green Dave," he serves as a coach, advisor, and support for staff, faculty, and students on all things green - from the school's classroom curriculum and experiential programming, to green workforce development and pathways, to the physical plant and systems, to marquee programs, special events, and network building. He began his career as a teacher in Colombia in the late 1990's, teaching grades 6 to 10 (English and History, and serving as "Green Act" club faculty co-sponsor and organizer of April Environmental Month to celebrate the 30th anniversary of Earth Day). Colombia's stunning biocultural diversity and severe public security challenges inspired him to pursue graduate studies in environmental policy and international conservation and development. During the past 20+ years, he has lived in Boston, Western Mass, Guatemala, and Texas. Dave previously served as program director for Planet Texas 2050 at the University of Texas at Austin (a climate resilience-focused interdepartmental "grand challenge"). Prior to UT, Dave worked for the voluntary carbon market leader Verra on an effort with the Rainforest Alliance to create a standard assessment framework for sustainable tropical landscapes called LandScale; he worked for over a decade in various roles with EcoLogic Development Fund focused on supporting grassroots community-led strategies for conservation and locally-defined priorities in Mexico and Central America; and he has tried his hand at consulting, tourism, and communications work. Dave holds a Master's in Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School, a BA in English from Dartmouth College, and a certificate in Outdoor Leadership from Greenfield Community College in Massachusetts. He is a Robert & Patricia Switzer Foundation Environmental Fellow. He lives in Jamaica Plain with his family, where he enjoys the plethora of greenspace to walk, run, bike, and get lost in thought and the chance to engage deeply with a diverse but changing community.