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OBJECTIVE

Ensure the quality and sustainability of innovative practices in education by providing exemplary support to students, families, educators, and community

EDUCATION & LICENSURE

Master of Arts in Education, May 2006

University of Northern Iowa

Professional Administrator License

Evaluator, PK-12 Principal/PK-12 SE Supervisor

Bachelor of Arts in Education, December 1999

University of Iowa

Standard License

K-6 Elementary Education

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

PK-12 Social and Student Services
Coordinator

College Community Schools
July 2016

PK-4 Elementary Principal
Prairie Crest Elementary

College Community Schools
July 2009 - July 2016

K-8 Elementary Principal

Fairbank and Rural Elementary

Wapsie Valley Community Schools
October 2005 - July 2009

SKILLS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Facilitate special education programming, placement, and IEP development across district schools
- Articulate curriculum, instruction, and assessment for Early Literacy Implementation (ELI)
- Lead curriculum mapping efforts within PLC teams and at building- and district-level utilizing the Understanding by Design framework and Iowa Core Curriculum
- Facilitate trainings for administrative colleagues, area principals, and induction coaches in developing skills to accelerate teacher practice
- Foster teacher leadership through coaching building-based instructional coaches, PLC leaders, and model classroom teachers
- Design processes and protocols for the implementation of Authentic Intellectual Work (AIW) within building and with partner schools
- Co-create an efficient yet substantive observation and evaluation process for district PK-12 certified staff tied to the Iowa Core Curriculum and Iowa Teaching Standards
- Mentor new Iowa administrators through the School Administrators of Iowa (SAI)
- Inform action plans for Grant Wood AEA Induction Consortium for program improvement and sustainability
- Advise administrative colleagues on effective practices for improvement strategies and documentation for marginal teachers
- Provide professional learning experiences for a variety of district and school leaders through Iowa ASCD, New Teacher Center Symposium, School Administrators of Iowa, and GWAEA Induction Consortium
- Employ research-based and rigorous hiring practices to recruit and retain highly qualified school staff
- Coordinate social services and mental health care for district schools with community agencies in the Cedar Rapids area, including establishing new partnership with school-based therapy provider
- Collaboratively design and implement innovative research study with University of Iowa partners and school staff on effective classroom practices for social-emotional learning, particularly for students with adverse childhood experiences

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

K-5 World Language Teacher
Prairie Heights Elementary
College Community Schools
2001 - 2005

Bilingual Classroom Teacher, 1st and 2nd Grades
Roundy Elementary School
Columbus Community Schools
1999 - 2001

RELATED EXPERIENCES

Adjunct Instructor
Mt. Mercy University
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
July 2017

Principal Leader and Trainer
GWAEA Induction Consortium
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2015 - 2017

Steering Committee Member
GWAEA Induction Consortium
Cedar Rapids, Iowa
2014 - 2017

New Principal Mentor
School Administrators of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa
2011 - 2014

Conference Presenter
School Administrators of Iowa
Des Moines, Iowa
2012, 2014

Convention Delegate
Linn and Fayette County
Cedar Rapids and West Union, Iowa
2004, 2008

Conference Co-Presenter
New Teacher Center Symposium
Seattle & Washington DC
February and July 2016

Conference Presenter
Iowa ASCD
Des Moines, Iowa
April 2016

Principal Network Facilitator
AEA 267
Cedar Falls, Iowa
2006 - 2007

REFERENCES

Mr. John Speer, Superintendent
College Community Schools
401 76th Avenue Southwest
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Mr. Al Rowe, Mentor and Vice President
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