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Professional Summary

Seasoned educational leader with 35+ years of experience in Career and Technical Education (CTE), special education, early childhood, and wellness initiatives. Expertise in program development, strategic partnerships, grant management, and student-centered leadership. Advisory board member and state-level leader dedicated to creating pathways that transform student lives and strengthen community and workforce outcomes.

Board & Leadership Experience

- Vice President, NH Career & Technology Association (NHCTA) | 2020–2024
 - Executive Board Member, NHCTA | 2024–Present
 - Advisory Board Member, Great Bay Community College | 2021–Present
 - Member, CTE State Renovation Advisory Board
 - Mentor for new CTE Directors; Presenter at state, regional and country wide conferences
 - Chairperson, Early Childhood Learning Center Building Committee; Contributor, Special Education Philosophy Committee
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Professional Experience

Career and Technical Education Director & District Wellness Facilitator

Rochester School District, NH | Jul 2016 – Present

- Oversee 18 CTE programs; manage staff evaluations; develop business and industry partnerships.
- Administer Perkins, Robotics, Wellness, and local grants (\$700K+ annually); led \$16.8M Creteau Center renovation.
- Developed Early College initiatives, CTE Ambassador Program(65 students/yr), professional development; expanded certifications/certificates (278 awarded last year); expanded Early College opportunities for CTE and high school (438 credits last year).
- District leader for counselor PD, crisis response coordinator, Youth Mental Health First Aid, Teen Mental Health, Youth Risk Behavior Survey Coordinator.

Safe Schools/Healthy Students Grant Director | Jul 2014 – Jun 2016

- Directed \$2M LEA grant; collaborated with NH DOE, NH Health & Human Services, and regional LEAs.

- Developed sustainability plan and integrated resources across multiple programs.

Early Childhood Learning Center Principal / Assistant Director of Student Services | 2004–2014

- Supervised 150 students and 30 staff; managed budgets, program development, and evaluations.
- Created Family Resource Center; authored program approvals for Life Skills (K–8) and On-Track Program (5–8).
- In district and out of District LEA

Special Education & Teaching Roles | 1987–2004

- ESOL Teacher, Reading Recovery Teacher, Integrative Special Education Specialist
- Developed individualized programs, conducted assessments, and provided staff training.

Key Skills, Awards

- CTE Leadership & Workforce Development
- Board & Advisory Leadership
- Grant Writing & Management (Perkins, SS/HS, SAP, Robotics)
- Program Development & Policy Implementation
- Student-Centered Learning & Staff Development
- Community & Industry Partnerships
- Diversity, Cultural Awareness & Mentorship
- Great Bay Advocate of the Year (2025)
- Governor and Mayor Recognition – CTE Renovation Project
- SAP Grant Recipient (\$200K, 4 years), ING & Verizon Grants
- Educational Excellence Award – SNAPS Program & On-Track Program
- Nominated Teacher of the Year (2003, 2007)

Education & Certifications

- CTE Director's Principal Certification, NH DOE | 2021
- Critical Incident Response Team Certification | 2015
- Principal Certification, Plymouth State University | 2011
- Master's in Education, University of New England | 2004
- NH Teaching Certificates – General Special Education & Elementary Education | 1993–1995
- ESOL Specialist, University of Toronto | 1991
- Primary Education Specialist, York University | 1989
- BA in Child Studies / BEd, Brock University | 1987