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## **Schoolwide Facilitator Personal Summary**

My career started in **Niles Community Schools as an elementary teacher**. I worked with students across all grade levels as well as in teacher pods combining students from three grade levels based on English Language Arts and Mathematics performance data. Team teaching was a great experience as we facilitated large groups, small groups and provided individualized contracts for *all* students based on academic needs. While teaching in Niles Community Schools, I was hired as the **Title I mathematic consultant**. I worked with students, teachers, Title I staff, parents and administrators overseeing the K-12 mathematics curriculum, instruction and assessments and facilitating the acquisition and use of Title I funds. Colleagues worked collaboratively to improve the mathematics instruction and student performance through: “Mini Math” workshops, Math Matters Newsletters, model teaching, data team training and the curriculum review, adoption and implementation process.

After twenty-seven years as a teacher at Niles Community Schools in southwestern Michigan, I was hired by the **Michigan Department of Education as a Field Service Consultant**. As a Region 2 field service consultant, I was **assigned up to 60 school districts**. My responsibilities ranged from reviewing and approving all of the federal and state grants through the Michigan Electronic Grant System (MEGS), as well as performing onsite reviews to provide feedback on the school improvement process. Working at the Michigan Department of Education was a tremendous experience that provided me with numerous visits to schools, which gave me the chance to work collaboratively with energetic, dedicated educators. Following this experience, I became the **curriculum director at New Buffalo Area Schools**. This position gave me the opportunity to implement many of the exemplary programs/ideas I had seen throughout my work with the Michigan Department of Education. Along with being the curriculum director, I served as the **Director of Special Education and State and Federal Programs**. New Buffalo Area Schools was one of 13 school districts in the state participating in a **North Central Association pilot** in which the district and the schools completed one joint school improvement planning process. All of the school improvement work was completed using the guiding principles of **Professional Learning Communities**. Currently, I am working as an **Instruction Leadership Consultant** for the Berrien Regional Education Service Agency. A major focus of my work is to collaboratively develop a **regional system of support** that aligns with the **State System of Support (SSOS)**.

*Throughout my career, no matter what work I am doing, I have kept my eye on “student achievement”. Schoolwide facilitation demands nothing less, as I support educators’ efforts in the continuous improvement of student achievement.*