

DARLENE R. BORCHERT

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SUMMARY

Value-driven and reflective Educational Leader committed to providing an equitable, high-quality education for all students across diverse backgrounds, abilities, and identities. Anchored in integrity, service, and respect, utilizes a collaborative leadership style to make thoughtful, impactful decisions to elevate a school community. Lead by example, mentoring the next generation of teachers to adapt and excel amid ever-changing student demographics.

ADMINISTRATIVE INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

Assistant Principal Intern, Erie 1 BOCES

May 2025 - August 2025

- Performed formal teacher observations, providing feedback to enhance instructional quality and professional growth.
- Successfully followed the planned framework for the Special Education Summer School program.
- Created a comprehensive Extended School Year (ESY) manual to standardize program operations.
- Supported immediate, campus-wide intervention during behavioral disturbances to ensuring safety for all.
- Managed and supervised daily student arrival and dismissal, improving traffic flow and ensuring student safety.
- Efficiently prepared payroll for instructional and support staff and performed inventory audits.

Board of Education Governance, Erie 1 BOCES / Buffalo Public Schools

October 2025 - December 2025

- Analyzed School Board leadership for their district following meetings, decisions, and format over 3 months

Portrait of a Graduate, Erie 1 BOCES / Buffalo Public Schools

October 2025 - December 2025

- Analyzed expected implementation for Portrait of a Graduate for both districts creating an in-depth presentation using NYSED recommendations

New Teacher Support, Buffalo Public Schools

October 2025 - December 2025

- Created a Mentor/Intern Handbook, New Teacher Tool Kit and stressful classroom scenarios with positive outcomes reference

WORK EXPERIENCES

Career and Technical Education Instructor, Erie 1 BOCES

September 2008 - Present

- Developed and implemented a comprehensive Fashion Design Technology curriculum approved by NYSED, aligning daily instruction with state standards for ELA, Math, Science, Art, and CDOS.
- Execute IEP and 504 accommodations supporting diverse learners and analyze student progress preparing reports for CSE meetings.
- Created and utilize rigorous, standards based curriculum mapping through the Atlas system for CTE students.
- Create student recruitment initiatives to boost registration for CTE programs.
- Provide academic and career advisement for students' post-secondary plans.
- Cultivate positive relationships with local industry leaders to establish student WBL experiences.
- Direct an annual district-wide event, showcasing student work by implementing a student created plan highlighting diverse populations within the student body.
- Ensure all fashion show operations, instructional goals, and community outreach efforts directly align with the core mission, vision, and values of Erie 1 BOCES.
- Partner with interdisciplinary CTE instructors to integrate and showcase diverse CTE skill sets, at the community-wide event.

Mentor, Erie 1 BOCES

September 2021 - Present

- Counseled and coached interns through complex classroom management scenarios, equipping them with proactive strategies to maintain positive learning environments.
- Trained new hires on essential administrative systems for grading, attendance tracking, and parent communication logs.
- Guided interns to optimize digital student interaction through online classroom platforms streamlining instructional delivery.

EDUCATION

MSED, University at Buffalo: Leadership Initiative for Tomorrow's Schools (LIFTS) Program **July 2024 - May 2026**

MSED, Canisius University: Differentiated Instruction

September 2009 - May 2011

Post-Baccalaureate Program, Buffalo State University: CTE

September 2007 - May 2008

BS, Buffalo State University: Consumer Studies: Fashion Technology

August 1991 - May 1993

CERTIFICATIONS

- NYS School Administration and Supervision, Pre-K-12 - All Grades, SBL Internship (Initial expected 7/26)
- NYS School Administration and Supervision, Pre-K-12 - All Grades, SDL Internship (Professional expected 9/26)
- NYS Career and Technical Education: Textile and Design
- NYS Family and Consumer Sciences
- NYS Coordinator of Worked-Based Learning Programs for Career Development Extension
- NYS Coordinator of Worked-Based Learning Programs for Career Awareness Extension
- Heartsaver for K-12 Schools valid through June 2028