# 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 that elevate the school community. Passionate about leading by example and mentoring the next generation of teachers to adapt and excel amid ever-changing student demographics.

## WORK 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 ensure a safe learning environment 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 to document resources available and predicted supplies needed for next year's session.

**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.
- Executed IEP and 504 accommodations to support diverse learners and analyzed student progress preparing reports for CSE meetings.
- Created and utilized rigorous, standards based curriculum mapping through the Atlas system for CTE students.
- Created student recruitment initiatives to boost registration for CTE programs.
- Provided academic and career advisement for students' post-secondary plans.
- Cultivated positive relationships with local industry leaders to establish student WBL experiences, successfully bridging the gap between classroom learning and employment opportunities.
- Planned and executed annual district-wide fashion show, showcasing student designs and implementing a student-created event blueprint highlighting the diverse populations within the student body.
- Ensured all fashion show operations, instructional goals, and community outreach efforts directly align with the core mission, vision, and values of Erie 1 BOCES.
- Partnered with interdisciplinary CTE instructors to integrate diverse student skill sets, promoting a collaborative 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:** Leasdership 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:** Career and Technical Education **September 2007 - May 2008**

**BS, Buffalo State University:** Consumer Studies: Fashion Technology **August 1991 - May 1993**

**AAS, Cazenovia College:** Fashion Design **August 1989 - May 1991**

## CERTIFICATIONS

- NYS School Administration and Supervision, Pre-K-12 - All Grades, School Building Leadership Internship (Initial expected June 2026)
- NYS School Administration and Supervision, Pre-K-12 - All Grades, School District Leadership Internship (Initial expected September 2026)
- NYS Career and Techical Education: Textile and Design
- NYS Family and Consumer Sciences
- NYS Coordinator of Worked-Based Learning Programs for Career Development Extension
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