

I was very pleased to leave secondary administration as a Utah Principal of The Year runner-up and return to my love of elementary education. I have an extensive background in educational programs and practices and bring with me valued educational experiences with children of all ages. I took a charter administrative position at Wasatch Peak in North Salt Lake City because I believed in the mission of charter schools. I believe parents should have choices and be a part of the decision making process in their child's education. I loved the Mission of WPA and incorporated our goals to teach students service learning and a second language while providing a rich learning experience and incorporated those values in the Scholar Plan. I took Wasatch Peak from a good to great school, earning an "A" grade from the Utah State Legislature in 2012-13.

I like to have fun with students and believe academics should be engaging and challenging. I want them to laugh and sing and learn about our country and civic duty through service. I believe in a balanced approach of teaching strong academics, character education and citizenship. I want students to problem solve and use technology. I expect them to behave appropriately and attend school regularly. I will hire and lead a staff of caring and educated individuals. I will work to form an educational community in Tooele that all parents, staff and students will be proud of. I simply love what I do and hope that all of you will enjoy our journey together as we educate your children!

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