

Section IV: Community Involvement

The success of the educational community is based on the value placed on integrating higher-ordered thinking skills in daily lessons, activities and assessments. In the spring of 2013, I represented the middle school math department at a regional level conference on Smarter Balanced Assessments. To share the impact these assessments would make across the level of rigor that must be integrated in classrooms across the district, I presented to district level administrators and the middle school director on the features and benefits of these assessments.

To hold teachers to the same high level of professional standards I have for my own learning, I mentor beginning teachers in our school and practicum students from a nearby university. Mentoring novice teachers supports the long term of the local education community. Guiding student teachers in lesson planning ensures success of students across the region. The daily support given to a beginning teacher within my school ranged from planning, conducting, co-teaching, and reflecting on rigorous, differentiated and relevant lessons. In addition, I have conducted workshops for student teachers from Campbell University in developing multi-dimensional, engaging and rigorous lesson plans.

Other services that I render to my school include co-editor of the yearbook for five consecutive years and curriculum leader. Within the district, I have been on a selection committee for new textbooks, led technology conferences, assisted in the development and revision of pacing guides, and even represented Harnett County in regional conferences. I continuously search for opportunities to drive my classroom, school and district forward.

In the larger community, I participate in local Relay for Life events, and in 5K races that raise money for charities like Building for America's Bravest, Autism Society of North Carolina and charities that support breast cancer awareness and prevention. Also, I participate in a neighborhood women's Bible study and recently became a Eucharistic Minister at Saint Bernadette Catholic Church in Fuquay-Varina, North Carolina.