

KAREN WOOD



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QUALIFICATIONS

- ◆ EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, LEADERSHIP
- ◆ G SUITE, USE OF TECH IN CLASSROOM
- ◆ VISIBILITY, APPROACHABILITY
- ◆ SOCIAL MEDIA, BLOGS, NEWSLETTERS, PODCASTING
- ◆ INNOVATIVE, DEDICATED, COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE

EDUCATION & TRAINING

MASTER OF ARTS, EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP
New Jersey City University, January 2001

BACHELOR OF ARTS, MUSIC EDUCATION
Montclair State University, May 1994

I am a passionate instructional leader who devotes intense loyalty to the district I serve. Through regular newsletters to families, "Brag" presentations at Board of Education meetings, Friday Communicators to the Board, and Monday Morning Messages to the staff, I take pride in keeping all stakeholders informed.

Throughout my career, I have overcome obstacles in providing educational opportunities to students. My regular articulation of core values and beliefs, as well as understanding the needs of the district from the community and Board perspective, have empowered me to remain a successful Superintendent. It is my desire to continue to serve with honesty, integrity, collaboration, and leadership.

EXPERIENCE

NEW JERSEY CERTIFICATIONS

NJ School Administrator, NJ Principal/Supervisor K-12, NJ Teacher of Music K-12

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

BARNEGAT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT – 7/2011 - PRESENT

- Creating the Med-Science Collaborative program partnership with Barnabas Health, Community Medical Center
- Responsible for obtaining a \$500,000 grant over five years which includes a FT Prevention Specialist, training, and programs for students, began DART YPC
- Constructed a Concession Stand in our Football Stadium
- Responsible for implementing a successful ESIP program and installing solar panels
- Established a self-funding Before/After Care program and a self-funding Early Learning Center
- Implemented the Early Intervention First Grade program resulting in five consistent years of identified students never needing remediation (after completion of the program)
- **PARCC - 55% Total increase in LAL for students in grades 3-11**
- **PARCC - 67% Total increase in Math for students in grades 3-11**
- **PARCC – Higher gains than 27% of the State in Math grades 3-11**
- Implemented Design Thinking, Maker Education, STEM, and Robotics
- Upgraded infrastructure and increased exponentially the use of Chrome book carts, Smart boards, and G-Suite, began Girls Who Code
- Hired new employees, evaluated all staff utilizing NJDOE approved evaluation tools, recommended non-renewal of staff, managed corrective action plans, and managed grievances
- Updated and improved security cameras and provided updated security training to staff
- Worked collaboratively with Chairs of all Board Committees and utilized the committee process effectively, maintained communication with BOE President/Vice-President

PRESENTATIONS

- Writing Across the Curriculum and
- Write to Learn Strategies, NJSBA-2010, NJPSA-2010
- New Superintendent's Academy, NJASA-2011
- Implementing a Successful ESIP Program, NJSBA-2013
- Three Things Administrators Can do Today to Get More Out of Their Teachers Tomorrow, Barnegat Admin, NJPSA, Common Ground, MD, 2013-2017
- Leading with Mindfulness, Barnegat 2016
- Expanding your PLN, Tomorrow's Classrooms Today Conf., Rider Univ. 2017 and Nat'l. Principals Conf. 2017
- PLC's and Equity, NJ Leadership Academy, NJPSA 2016-present

AWARDS, GRANTS, PARTNERSHIPS, RECOGNITION

NJL2L Mentor (2006-2008)
Aiken Award (2012-2014)
Governor's Environmental Excellence Award (2013)
\$5000 STEM grant (2014)
\$500,000 Barnabas Health grant (2015-2020)
\$5000 DART grant (2016)

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS & AFFILIATIONS

NJASA, NJPSA, NJSBA, ASCD,
MOESC Board of Directors (2015-2017)
Ocean County College Advisory Board (2016-2017)

EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

BARNEGAT SCHOOL DISTRICT (CONT.)

- Implemented Semi-Departmentalized Fifth Grade
- Consulted with the Board Attorney and followed legal advice as needed
- Ensured the accurate and timely submission of reports to the county and/or State Offices of Education
- Managed a staff of over five hundred (500), including District Office Staff, Administrators, Teachers, Secretaries, Custodians, Groundskeepers, Technology technicians, Paraprofessionals, and Bus Drivers
- Reviewed annually the Student Code of Conduct, attendance policies, HIB Policy and other required policies for compliance with NJDOE
- Hosted Parent Education Sessions for: Common Core, Homework/Class Participation, HIB, Mold Information, PARCC, Internet Safety, Drug Free Schools, POAC
- Supported enrichment programs for academics, athletics, and the arts
- Upgraded district website and messaging system
- Worked with Barnegat Police to ensure random walk through visits
- Strategic planning and goal accomplishments
- Improved attendance through community partnerships
- Created a community garden partnership with a local restaurant at one of our Elementary Schools
- Created Summer Institute for Learning, expanded PD opportunities
- Began ROTC program
- Expanded G&T, ESL, and world language programs
- Maintained lower than average budget increases annually (\$50 million dollar budget)

WEST LONG BRANCH SCHOOL DISTRICT – 9/2008-6/2011

- Supervised all areas of curriculum and instruction including Implementing 6+1 Traits of Writing and Writing Across the Curriculum
- Oversaw all functions of the district including budget preparation, agenda preparation, day to day operations

ABSECON PUBLIC SCHOOLS – PRINCIPAL 2003-2008

EMMA C. ATTALES MIDDLE SCHOOL

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP MIDDLE SCHOOL – V.P. 2001-2003

LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS – MUSIC TEACHER 1995-2001

BERGEN COUNTY VO-TECH – MUSIC TEACHER – 1994-1995



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