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Improving Performance • Inspiring Musicianship • Integrating Technology

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EXPERIENCED MUSIC EDUCATOR

Dedicated to guiding students to succeed while inspiring an insatiable passion for music with a goal of working for the Indiana Area School District

EDUCATION

B.S. Music Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA - 2009

M.A. Music Education, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, PA - 2016

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- An **enthusiastic, creative, and passionate music educator**, who believes that all children can learn and thrive in a learning environment that is stimulating, comforting and appropriate to their unique talents and abilities.
- **Engage Parents** – Work closely with parents and booster organizations to maximize student potential while offering exceptional resources that contribute to the success of the student.
- Utilize a **visionary approach with consistency** to help students past the threshold of *not knowing* to *knowing* and develop to their fullest extent.

HIGHLIGHTED PROFESSIONAL TEACHING EXPERIENCE

BLAIRSVILLE-SALTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blairsville, PA

August 2012 – Present

Choir Director/Band Director/Music Teacher

- **Teaching responsibilities:** 6th Grade Chorus, 7/8 Grade Chorus, 9-12 Grade Chorus, 6th Grade Band, 7/8 Grade Band, 9-12 Grade Band, 6th general music, 8th grade general music, 4th and 5th grade instrumental lessons, beginning band, advanced band as well as 7-12 marching band.

JUNIATA VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Alexandria, PA

August 2012 – October 2015

Music Teacher/Band Director

- **Teaching responsibilities:** Jr./Sr. High Concert Band, Marching Band (7-12), Indoor Percussion (TIA), high school jazz band, 3rd and 4th grade general music, 5th and 6th grade instrumental lessons (pullout), elementary band, as well as elementary jazz.
- Utilize multiple assessments in compliance with district and state requirements to inform instruction.
- Work closely with school board and administration to ensure a positive and supportive music education for all students.

WARREN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Warren, PA

August 2011 – May 2012

Music Teacher/Band Director

- Music Teacher at Sheffield Area Middle/Sr. High School and Warren County Early Learning Center.
- Worked collaboratively with faculty and administration to rebuild a suffering music program. Responsibilities included working with the 7-8 Concert Band, 6th Grade music class while beginning a pep band to reinstate the marching band. Worked collectively with staff to produce a spring play.

REFERENCES

Scott Salser, *Choir Director, Indiana Area Senior High School, 724-422-9371*
Rosemary Buchanan, *Elementary Music Teacher, Blairsville Elementary School, 724-549-7852*
Mary Jo Fadden, *Music Teacher, Saltsburg Middle-High School, 412-289-0153*