

LEAH M. CHRISTMAN

Excellence in Education • Visioning for the Future • Inspiring Systemic Change

EXPERIENCED EDUCATOR

...dedicated to excellence in education while inspiring a passion for learning by doing

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- A **pragmatic, creative, and passionate educator**, who believes that all children can learn and thrive in a learning environment that is stimulating, nurturing and appropriate to their unique gifts and abilities.
 - **Specializations include:** Leadership and management, educational technology, authentic problem-based learning, strategic planning, early childhood education
 - **Leadership** – Team-building that focuses on the three ‘R’s - rigor, relevancy and relationships.
 - **Engage Stakeholders** – Work closely with stakeholders, successes securing a high level of involvement with a ‘customer service’ approach.
 - **Strategic Collaborations** – Work closely with district leaders, community, and global partners to encourage involvement and strong alliances to benefit students.
 - Utilize a **visionary approach to education** to help prepare students for *their future*.
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HIGHLIGHTED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SOUTHERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

February 2007 – current

- Superintendent
- Acting Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Director of Technology

NORTHWESTERN LEHIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT,

September 1992 – February 2007

- Coordinator of Data and Technology
- Instructional Technology Coordinator
- Distance Learning Coordinator
- Teacher grades 5-12 –Family and Consumer Sciences

CATASAUQUA HIGH SCHOOL

September 1987– August 1992

- Teacher grades 9-12 –Family and Consumer Sciences

BERKS CAREER AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER

September 1979 – August 1987

- Teacher grades 9-12 – Occupational Child Development Program

CATASAUQUA HIGH SCHOOL

September 1978– August 1979

- Teacher grades 9-12 –Family and Consumer Sciences
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HONORS AND AWARDS

2005 Distance Learning Educator of the Year- Partners in Distance Learning

1999 AAFCS Top Ten Family & Consumer Science National Teacher of the Year

1998 PAFCS Pennsylvania Family & Consumer Science Teacher of the Year

1987 Berks County Vocational Educator of the Year

EDUCATION

EdD., Educational Leadership and Management, Drexel University – 2014

Dissertation- *Ubiquitous Computing: Systemic Transformation to 21st Century Teaching and Learning, May 2014*

M.S., Early Childhood Education, Bloomsburg University of PA -1982

B.S., Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science, Indiana University of PA – 1978

CERTIFICATIONS

Superintendent Letter of Eligibility, California University of PA -2008

Principal k-12, California University of PA – 2005

Instructional Technology Specialist, DeSales University- 2003

Comprehensive Vocational Supervisor, Temple University- 1990

Home Economics/Family & Consumer Science Teacher k-12, Indiana University of PA-1978

RELATED EXPERIENCE

**PA Department of Education - STAR Events (Students Taking Action with Recognition)
Coordinator – Family, Career and Community Leaders of America 1998-2005**

Organized and managed State student competitive events involving over 400 students, 100 evaluators, and 16 events annually

Lehigh Carbon Community College- Adjunct -Early Childhood Education 2002-2005

Reading Area Community College- Adjunct -Early Childhood Education 1984-1986

Big Top Child Development Center 1982-1987-Owner/Director – Private Child Care/Development Center

EDUCATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

- Southern Lehigh Chamber of Commerce- Board of Directors- current
- Lehigh Valley Business Education Partnership - current
- Pennsylvania Association of School Administrators- Technology Committee - current
- Charter Partner's Institute- Board of Directors
- PACIE (Pennsylvania Council for International Education) Board of Directors/Secretary
- IEAC (Pennsylvania International Education Advisory Council) Board of Directors
- Over two-million dollars in competitive grant funds secured for schools during career, primarily technology focused
- Workshop Presenter 1982-2014 on a variety of educational, technology, and global topics at local, state, and national conferences including:
 - IREX/ US State Dept.
 - PACIE
 - DeSales U. / Temple U. CIBER
 - Pete & C (PA Educational Technology Expo and Conference)
 - CAPE (Center for Advancing Partnerships in Education)
 - FCCLA(Family, Career and Community Leaders of America)
 - PAFCS and AAFCS (Pennsylvania and American Associations of Family and Consumer Sciences)
 - PDL (Partners in Distance Learning)
- PA Dept. Of Education Curriculum / Standards Committees 1995-2000
 - FCS Futures Direction
 - FCS State Standards Steering
 - State Standards Portfolio Assessment Development
 - State Outcomes Steering Committee
- National FCCLA -STAR Events Advisory Committee Chair 1990-1993