



PERC Education Job Fair: Pre-Fair Panel #1

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Michelle Anderson, Director of Curriculum & Instruction New Heights Academy

Michelle Anderson joined the New Heights Academy Charter School community in May 2015. She has taught elementary school, has been a reading specialist, literacy coach, and Director of Curriculum and Instruction. Michelle is most passionate about literacy education and ensuring that all students learn to love to read and develop critical thinking skills when reading.

Betty Anne Powell, Director of Federal Programs Berkeley County Schools

Betty Anne Powell is the Director of Federal Programs for Berkeley County Schools in Martinsburg, West Virginia. This is her twenty fourth year in public education. She has taught first and third grade, been a Title I Reading Specialist, and taught Read 180 intervention for grades 5-8. Ms. Powell grew up in Pennsylvania and graduated from California University of Pennsylvania with a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education and a Masters of Education with a Reading Specialist certification. She also obtained her Education Leadership endorsement from West Virginia University and has been in central office administration for twelve years. She lives in Berkeley County with her two children.

Dan Reichard, Teacher in Residence/Department of Human Resources Stafford County Public Schools

Dan Reichard launched his professional career by interviewing with Stafford County Public Schools at the PERC Education Job Fair in 2012. As a fifth grade teacher at Kate Waller Barrett Elementary in Stafford County Public Schools, he worked to develop an ever growing repertoire of tools and techniques, relevant and authentic learning experiences, and community building opportunities valuing the contributions of all learners. Now in his tenth year, Dan serves as the Stafford County Public Schools Teacher in Residence for the Department of Human Resources. Dan oversees the recruitment, induction and retention of all early career educators throughout the Stafford County School Division. Dan believes his purpose as a teacher leader is to create an empowered learning environment, providing students and teachers the opportunity to use their unique gifts and talents to inspire and empower others to thrive. Dan began his teaching journey by attending Indiana University of Pennsylvania earning his Bachelor's Degree in Elementary Education K-6 with an Urban Concentration in 2012. He continued working towards leading teacher development and learning by earning his Master's Degree in Educational Leadership K-12 from George Mason University in 2017. Dan has received numerous awards for his accomplishments in and out of the classroom, notably being named the 2018 Stafford County Public Schools Teacher of the Year, 2018 Washington Post Teacher of the Year, 2019 Virginia Region III Teacher of the Year and the 2019 IUP Young Alumni Achievement Award. In addition, Dan was named a 2019 International Literacy Association 30 Under 30 Honoree.

Michael Zalewski, Chief of Human Resources Franklin County School

Mike Zalewski currently serves as the Chief of Human Resources for Franklin County School, which is located near Raleigh, North Carolina. Mike earned his Bachelor's Degree from SUNY at Buffalo and his Master's Degree from Arkansas State University. Prior to his current role as Chief, Mike served as an Elementary Teacher, a School Facilitator for the Academically and Intellectually Gifted Program, an Assistant Principal, Human Resources Supervisor, and Director of Human Resources. As Chief of Human Resources, Mike works closely with the Superintendent, the Superintendent's Cabinet, and School Principals. Mike also oversees Beginning Teacher Support.