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I started my educational career in Kittery back in 1999 as the behavior strategist for the school district. After several years working in Kittery followed by a hiatus as an alternative education director in New Hampshire I returned to my beloved Kittery in the summer of 2007 as the Director of Special Services. I have been charged with forging the educational path and monitoring progress for all of our students with disabilities. The special education department and the students we serve are a great source of pride. The educators in the special services department are not only hard working they are also passionate, innovative and continue to blaze a trail of effective proficiency based learning interventions and supports for all of their students.

My roots run deep in Kittery. I grew up here and attended local schools K-12. My grandfather, father and my children all attended Kittery schools. My daughter now runs our local flower shop and my son and daughter-in-law and granddaughter Ellie bought a home in Kittery. Oh did I mention they are both teachers too? I have come to love and embrace my hometown and confess to having mixed emotions about it being the recent hot spot in New England real estate.



As a young person I never envisioned a career in education. Although my dad is a retired superintendent and my mom owned a nursery school, I just didn't think schools were my thing. I started to get the "education" bug when I coached cheerleading and boys' track at Traip Academy in the 1990's. This stint included a number of state championships along the way. Coaching was all about teaching and motivating students. I liked the kids, I liked being in the school, and best of all I liked watching kids succeed. Throughout these years, when I wasn't coaching and raising my own kids, I also went back to school. I have an associate degree in Criminal Justice, a Bachelor of Science degree in Human Services and a Master of Science degree in Special Education.

I am engaged to a nice guy who also works in special education around the state of Maine. When we have free time we like to kayak, hike, read and spend time at our camp in Shapleigh, Maine. I am anxious to start another school year. Those who

know me well know that my favorite saying is "It's going to be the BEST year ever!"
Working in Kittery, I believe it!