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Having moved from the bustle and noise of Manhattan and White Plains, New York to the salt air, waves and ocean sounds of Rhode Island to attend undergraduate school at URI, I then landed in the fresh air and quiet beauty (and cold) of Maine with my husband and began my career as a middle, then high school teacher in a large, rural school district. While serving as a classroom teacher, I earned my Masters Degree in Counseling at the University of Southern Maine. After interning in both public and private schools, I was asked to stay on at Bridgton Academy in a dual role as college counselor and history teacher. During my tenure in Bridgton I taught U.S. and Russian/Soviet history and was able to bring students to the then Soviet Union. I also enjoyed cross-country and downhill skiing along with canoeing and hiking in the strikingly beautiful "hills and lakes" region. Back then Shawnee Peak was named Pleasant Mountain, and people canoed rather than kayaked the many lakes and streams.

Spurred by my desire to further my schooling, I took a career detour by attending law school and subsequently practiced law for five years. It was a detour rather than a change because I returned to education and decided to explore administration. After earning a degree in educational leadership, I concentrated a job search in Southern Maine to be more proximate to my family in New York and the ocean. It was then that I was hired for the Marshwood High School administrative vacancy. I remained in S.A.D. #35 for twelve years, after which I was the Curriculum Director for S.A.U. #21 (Winnacunnet/Hampton) in New Hampshire.



Just prior to joining Kittery School District's administrative team, I served for five years as the Assistant Superintendent of Schools in the Salem, New Hampshire, School District. I was appointed to my current position of Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology with the Kittery School District in July, 2008.

I feel fortunate to have had a number of interesting roles in the educational field and have made many good friends and colleagues along the way. Throughout my experiences I see the struggles teachers, students and administrators often face when adapting to large-scale change, which seems to be a constant in education. This may be a reflection of advances in our field that help inform better practices, and opportunities, but I believe it is important to maintain a critical and creative eye to determine what is best for the children and community we serve. Equally important is my desire to support educators in their growth while retaining the joy for our profession.

I love to spend my time outside and can be found at the beach year round. I also enjoy swimming and reading, and am definitely a dedicated foodie. Listening to all types of music, from blue grass to opera, gospel, rock, reggae, classical and jazz (not folk) makes me smile. Unfortunately, I cannot sing and wish I could. My green

thumb improves each year, as do my gardens. I love to travel and include visiting museums and the theater among the pursuits that bring great pleasure. I treasure my friends and, most of all, I love my family. We are a bit geographically spread out, from Maine to California, but nothing beats spending time with them. This is a



picture of my Dad and me taken at the Cliff House last April while I was recuperating from knee surgery. Dad is 97 years old and is my hero!