

# *Jennifer L. Stafford, EdD*

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## **SUMMARY**

Experienced educator who promotes the success of every student by advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a dynamic school culture and instructional programs that maximize every student's learning. Sincere desire to grow highly functional teachers committed to working with others to best serve a diverse range of learners. Excellent interpersonal skills with the ability to challenge and motivate teachers and staff toward a common vision. Exceptional understanding of data-driven student achievement, student support services, and current curricular initiatives. Strong understanding of all aspects of organizational leadership, curriculum development, and classroom management.

## **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- **Sixteen years as an educator** with experience as an assistant principal, an instructional coach, an adjunct professor, supervising and evaluating teachers, and teaching all grades pre-K through 8
- **Trained** in areas of communication, student achievement, instructional improvement, personnel management, student attendance, student discipline and safety, and school vision and climate
- **Self-motivated** with initiative and focus
- **Keen insight** into the needs and perspectives of others; outstanding interpersonal skills with the ability to listen, identify problem areas, and form innovative solutions
- **Flexible, persuasive, adaptable, and goal-oriented**, with successful team leadership focused on creating and implementing data-driven instruction and interventions, goals, and goal attainment
- **Adept at developing and managing a large budget**, with more than 11 years of experience as a business owner

## **EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

**Doctor of Education**, Grand Canyon University, 2016

**Master of Education in Educational Leadership K-12**, University of Alaska Anchorage, 2012,  
Alaska Type B-Administrative K-12 certification

**Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education K-8**, Montana State University, 1996, Alaska Type  
A-Elementary K-8 certification

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Instructional Coach, Knik Elementary School, Mat-Su Borough School District, Palmer, AK,**  
2019-present

- Coach teachers in instruction, RTI processes, and classroom management
- Teach 3<sup>rd</sup> grade parallel core literacy and skills block class
- Serve as district representative for IEP meetings
- Serve as assessment coordinator for aimswebPlus, MAP, and PEAKS
- Coordinate and manage all MTSS/RTI teachers, students, and materials
- Attend all district instructional coach meetings
- Serve as acting principal

**Assistant Principal, Birchtree Charter School, Mat-Su Borough School District, Palmer, AK,**  
2018-2019

- Managed all discipline issues
- Served as district representative for all IEP meetings and audited all IEPs to ensure local, state, and federal law compliance; coordinated school 504 plans
- Served as assessment coordinator for AIMSweb, MAP, PEAKS, and NAEP
- Coordinated MTSS/RTI: revamped RTI process, oversaw staff, lead all grade-level meetings
- Evaluated certificated teachers and classified personnel
- Developed a plan of improvement for a struggling teacher

**Teacher, Houston Middle School, Mat-Su Borough School District, Palmer, AK, 2014-2018**

- Taught seventh-grade language arts and sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade leadership
- Served as acting principal
- Served on the school team to develop the school improvement plan and Title I plan
- Served on the Process Champions team to mentor colleagues in Capturing Kids' Hearts

**Adjunct Professor, University of Alaska Anchorage, January 2016-2017**

- EDEC A106-Creativity in Early Childhood
- EDEC A206-Integrated Curriculum
- EDEL A206-Intro to Assessment in Elementary Education

**Clinical Supervisor, Western Governors University, January 2016-2017, supervised and evaluated student teachers**

**Research Assistant/Co-author, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, AZ, 2015-2017, in the Cognition and Instruction Virtual Research Lab**

**Teacher, Goose Bay Elementary, Mat-Su Borough School District, Palmer, AK, 2008-2014**

- Taught kindergarten and second grade; and served as acting principal
- Served on the school team to develop the school improvement plan and Title I plan
- Served on the RTI team and Solid Foundations team
- Implemented before-school, after-school, and summer tutoring for struggling students

**Teacher, Willow Creek School District, Willow Creek, Montana, 2006-2008**

Taught K-2; coached upper elementary basketball and junior high and high school track

**Teacher, Cottonwood School, Cottonwood School District, Gallatin Gateway, MT, 1996-1999**

- Taught kindergarten through eighth-grade math and science in a one-room schoolhouse
- Developed, organized, and implemented an after-school program
- Developed and taught a swimming program for health enhancement curriculum

**Business owner, Double Time Lawn Care and Landscaping, Bozeman, MT, 1992-2003.**

- Developed and managed budget for small business, expanding to serve Fort Collins, CO, area
- Sold the established and successful business in 2003

**LEADERSHIP/EDUCATIONAL TRAINING**

- Eight Standards of Mathematical Practices, 2020
- Effective Learning Environments Observation Tool Training, 2020
- Pediatric Plus CPR, AED and First Aid Course for Infants, Children and Adults, 2020, 2018
- Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS), 2019, 2015, 2011
- Step Up to Writing, 2019
- AimswebPlus Training, 2019
- FEMA Emergency Preparedness Training and Certification, 2019
- ALICE Certification Training for Schools, 2019
- Teachscape Performance Evaluation Training and Certification, 2019
- Leadership Academy, Office of Instruction, MSBSD, 2018, 2017, 2016
- Trauma Sensitive School Training, 2016
- Alaska RTI/MTSS Conference, 2015, 2013, 2012
- Process Champions, 2014
- Capturing Kids' Hearts, 2014
- Boys Town Well Managed Schools, 2014
- Kagan Cooperative Learning, 2013, 2012, 2011
- Love and Logic, 2013, 2011, 2009, 2007

**PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS**

**Speaker, Emerging Scholar-Practitioners Conference, Grand Canyon University, Phoenix, June 2017**

**Hanford, J. (2016). *A correlational study: The relationship between school climate, connectedness, and reading achievement of elementary school students* (Order No. 1805945312). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.**

***“Investigating the Use of Educational Technology in Under-served Areas: Does Digital Divide Still Exist?”*** (Co-written by Miyoung Lee)

***“The Use of Educational Technology in K-12 STEM Education”*** (Co-written by Miyoung Lee)

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**Mat-Su Borough Health and Social Services**, Mayoral appointment, Board of Directors, 2014-2017

**Alaska Family Services**, Board of Directors, 2012-2014

### **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- American Association of University Professors
- International Women’s Leadership Association
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- National Association of Elementary School Principals (NAESP)
- Alpha Chi and Phi Kappa Phi National Honor Societies

### **REFERENCES**

- John Gardner, Knik Elementary School Principal, Wasilla, Alaska, 907.352.0300
- Brandt Bowen, Birchtree Charter School Principal, Palmer, Alaska, 907.745.1831
- Dr. Shannon Isley, MSBSD Psychologist, Palmer, Alaska 907.414.5357
- Dr. Michelle Scott-Weber, MSBSD, Occupational Therapist, Palmer, Alaska 907.232.7976
- Dr. Fatima Mansur, Senior Doctoral Adjunct, Grand Canyon University, 608.618.3224
- Benjamin H. Howard, Houston Middle School Principal, Big Lake, Alaska 907.892.9400
- Beau Sawyer, Trout Lake School Assistant Principal, Trout Lake, Washington, 907.841.3632