

Dear PCS Families,

It is with great excitement that I introduce myself to you as the new Principal of Poland Community School. It is a privilege to become part of the RSU 16 school community. Throughout the summer, I have had the opportunity to meet staff, students and community members. There is a great sense of pride and community that shows through in all of my interactions.

I have been an educator for the last twenty-two years. My roles have included supporting students and colleagues as an administrator, classroom teacher, teacher leader, mentor and educational technician. I graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education 1998 and a Minor in Early Child Development and Family Relations. In 2018, I earned a Master of Science in Educational Leadership from the University of Southern Maine.

Poland Community School has a highly qualified staff. The foundational focus of our school is “Doing what’s best for kids.” This is achieved by implementing scientifically based curriculum and instructional practices. An emphasis is placed on student acceleration including differentiated instruction through the Response to Intervention process and Title I services.

School climate and culture are a contributing factor to the success of our students. Poland Community School embraces a Positive Behavior Intervention Support framework and the Second Step Social-Emotional Learning program. We are fortunate to have a strong partnership with our families and the community at large. If you are interested in becoming a member of the PTA please email poland.pta@gmail.com.

Communication between home and school are essential to building a collaborative educational partnership. At any time throughout the year, if you have questions or concerns do not hesitate to contact your child’s teacher to schedule a meeting or phone conference. Teachers may be contacted by phone, written notes, and by email. School newsletters are emailed the first and third Thursday of each month and our website is updated regularly.

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