

At-Large Representative Nomination Acceptance
Jennifer Marinello, Supervisor K-5 Mathematics, STEM
Hamilton Township School District

Having spent the past 16 years in education, both as a teacher and a student, I have experienced many shifts in education. Despite the changing tide that always comes with various initiatives, strict mandates, budget cuts, and evolving technology, there has been, and always will be, one creed that remains constant: *We do what's best for all students*. I've come to learn that actualizing this belief is not always easy, or even the favored choice of all, and it may even cause some to feel uncomfortable, but maintaining my commitment to our students is the true north for all of my decision making and planning.

As a district administrator, fostering equity in instruction within schools across a large district is paramount. Currently, my core responsibilities focus on ensuring a high quality education by developing an instructional framework for mathematics for all of our K-5 students. It is vital that students across our district receive similar high quality experiences as student mathematicians in a positive learning environment. It is equally important that all of our teachers receive high quality professional learning opportunities to grow their practice through developing their content knowledge and pedagogy of math.

Through coordinating Title I and Title II services, we are providing the additional opportunities to level the playing field for our most vulnerable students. In ensuring equity, I collaborate with various district administrators in planning targeted intervention programs for the most 'at-risk' students. Fostering a positive school culture and climate is another avenue for providing equal opportunities for students.

I am looking forward to building relationships and sharing ideas with other NJ educators through the NJAFPA.