



## **Meet Derryn Johnson!**

### **NESC Professional Learning Specialist**

**\*Joined the NESC in 2018**

#### **Background info:**

- Master's Degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Jamestown (2018)
- Bachelor's Degree in English and English Education from the University of Mary (2009)
- Certificate of Leadership from the University of Mary (2009)
- Former Title 1 Reading Teacher, English Teacher, and Freshman Transition Teacher (2009-2018)

#### **What intrigued you about working for the NESC?**

I see education as a constantly evolving process. Students are changing, teachers are changing, the profession needs to change as well. The NESC is at the cutting edge of education, and that's where I want to be.

#### **What is your focus of work at the NESC?**

My role with the NESC is to build relationships with regional educators, facilitate professional learning for regional schools, and to help members with NESC/VCSU graduate credit opportunities.

#### **What is a passion project of yours?**

I am passionate about the health of the teaching profession. I'm very excited to be a part of the Beginning Teacher Workshop, ensuring that our newest teachers enter their careers equipped for success. I believe that any person perusing teaching is special, and that those people deserve the best professional coaching and support we can provide.

I am also passionate about the power of collaboration and the ability for teachers to make each other better. Teachers need more time and opportunities to work with one another to hone their craft to become master teachers.

#### **What about the NESC brings you the greatest pride?**

I'm proud to be part of an organization that believes in the value of having great teachers and schools for students. The NESC never loses the focus that young people are our greatest resource, and we should do everything we can to ensure they are successful.