

## **May 21: Mentoring & Induction Can Make a BIG Impact on New Teachers**

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**Jordan Menning:** Jordan is an educational consultant for the Northwest AEA in Iowa. His primary focus is on STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) education to help provide authentic learning opportunities for students. He is involved in helping the mentoring and induction program, along with paraeducator training. He has been involved in multiple different roles in education throughout his time in education including being an instructional coach and teaching science, math, and ELA. He has a Bachelor of Science in Education, A Masters Degree in the Science of Education, Administration Degree in Educational Leadership, and a Specialist Degree in Educational Leadership.

**Jody Still-Herbold:** Jody Still Herbold is an educational consultant for Northwest AEA in Iowa. She is a Fierce Conversation Trainer, helps with the mentoring and induction program, supports teachers with disciplinary literacy within the classroom, and works closely with educators on science education. Jody has a Bachelor of Science in Animal Science from Iowa State University, Bachelor of Arts in Education from Buena Vista University, Masters in Education from Morningside College, and an Administration Degree from the Iowa Leadership Academy. Prior to her position at the AEA, Jody taught middle Science and American History.

**Kristi Wilshire:** Kristi Wilshire is an educational consultant for Northwest AEA in Iowa. She works very closely with the mentoring and induction program, is part of the planning team for principal leadership meetings, and is a Youth Mental Health First Aid trainer. Kristi has taken on multiple roles in her 19 years as an educator. She has experience in elementary and middle school teaching, talented and gifted programs, an assistant principal role in a middle school setting, and as a head principal at a high needs elementary school. This is her first year as an educational consultant and she credits all of her previous experience and a great planning team for the successful implementation of the new teacher mentoring and induction program offered by Northwest AEA.