



Denise Fichner has over 20 years experience in Education with a wide array of experience in the classroom and in leadership positions. She is coming to Watchung from Alexandria Township School District, a PK-8 school district in Hunterdon County where she has served as Director of Curriculum, Instruction & Technology for the past two years. Prior to that, she held the position of Supervisor of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology, Supervisor of Educational Technology, Instructional Technology & Communications Specialist and Technology Teacher/Technology Coordinator. In addition, she began her career as a 5th grade self-contained teacher where she developed her passion for connecting with students and families while instilling a love of learning in her students.

Mrs. Fichner holds a Master of Arts in Teaching from The College of New Jersey and a Bachelor of Science Degree in International Business from Kutztown University. Her certifications include Principal, Supervisor and Elementary School Teacher.

Throughout her educational journey she has led instructional, curricular and technology initiatives to improve student learning by collaborating with stakeholders and providing ongoing support, guidance and high quality professional development for staff.

A lifelong learner and teacher, Mrs. Fichner is dedicated to supporting teachers in creating engaging, active, student-centered learning experiences that are based on current brain research and child development.

Mrs. Fichner believes that all students have the innate desire to learn and grow. Her goal is to make this possible for every student and she is dedicated to working with the learning community to make this happen.

Mrs. Fichner lives with her husband and two teenage sons (Travis, 17 & Mason, 14) in rural Harmony Township, Warren County, N.J.. In her spare time she loves to spend time with her family traveling in their RV, skiing, hiking and relaxing at the beach. She enjoys a healthy lifestyle by staying active through running, walking and spending time outdoors.

Mrs. Fichner is excited to join the Watchung School District as principal of Bayberry Elementary School!