

Cumberland's 2022 District Education Support Professional of the Year - Kelli McPherson



Teachers Jillian Pullano & Jennifer Marvel, Kelli McPherson and Superintendent Thornton

Superintendent Phil Thornton is pleased to announce Cumberland's 2022 District Education Support Professional of the Year - Kelli McPherson

We congratulate Kelli on this outstanding achievement! As an Administrative Assistant at Ashton Elementary School and the Cumberland Preschool Center, she has numerous responsibilities throughout the school day. Kelli is devoted, hard-working and a great benefit to the school. Her warm and caring demeanor is portrayed on a daily basis. She is readily available to provide support to the school's faculty, staff, students and their families. Kelli is a valued member of our school system.

Kelli was recognized at the Cumberland School Committee meeting on Thursday, December 8, 2022.

School principal, Mrs. Nidia Karbonik, submitted the following nomination:

It gives me great pleasure to recommend Kelli McPherson as the District Educational Support Professional of the Year for the 2022-2023 school year. Kelli is in her second year of being the school secretary at Ashton School and the Cumberland Preschool Center. Prior to working at Ashton, Kelli was a Paraprofessional mainly at Cumberland Hill and North Cumberland Middle School. She also spent a short time at BF Norton and McCourt Middle School.

Kelli has done a great job learning her duties as the secretary of two schools; Ashton and the Preschool. On a daily basis, Kelli deals with three arrivals and three dismissal of students, unlike other schools that deal with one. Kelli is good at multitasking and deals with pressure well. She is very friendly, caring and efficient on the job.

Kelli always has a positive attitude at work and she is very willing to help and go above and beyond her duties. This year, Kelli is working additional time to cover the hours of the Preschool. She is also the President of the ICSE Union and she does well balancing her responsibilities between her union duties

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and her secretarial job. Kelli is approachable and relates well to people. She is very good at assisting students when they come to the office looking for support. Kelli is also resourceful and will reach out to others when she has questions or does not know how to do something. Other secretaries also seek her out for support.

Kelli is an active member of the school community. She participates in spirit week and school-wide events, when possible. She also supports the PTO, helping make copies and organizing forms for events.. Kelli has learned the culture of the school and shows a great deal of interest and compassion for our students, parents and the staff. She is also a positive support to ICSE members who seek her out about contract issues.

Kelli has been a great addition to our school. She takes pride in her work and has revamped many procedures in the office to make things run more efficiently. She is the first person people encounter as they enter our school and she is always positive, cheerful and helpful. Kelli represents the district and our school well and we are proud of how much she has learned and accomplished in such a short time.