Dr. Diana Sirko

Educational Background

- Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Innovation, University of Colorado at Denver-1999
- Type D Administrative Certificate coursework, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs-1988
- MA in Educational Technology, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs, also finished course work to be highly qualified to teach Mathematics-1985
- BA in Biology, minor in Chemistry, additional course work in Mathematics, University of Northern Colorado-1975
- High School Diploma, George Washington High School, Denver, CO

Educational Experience

July 1, 1986 to present

Educational Consulting: Consulting (in many cases in summers or while doing the other positions listed below) with over 100 school districts and organization for a variety of projects and activities including facilitating a Superintendent's Professional Development Cohort for the Public Education and Business Coalition and the Colorado Association for School Executives, working with Colorado School Board Association to work with school boards and conduct Superintendent Searches, and with school districts to develop their strategic plans, assessment plans, school improvement plans, coaching new Superintendents, doing keynote speeches, team building and facilitating Board of Education and Superintendent team building and retreats. Have also done professional development for teaching effective instructional strategies to over 8000 teachers and educational leaders, and using data to drive instructional improvement to teachers, principals, and central office administrators across the United States.

August 1, 2017-present

Educational Leadership MA Program Coordinator and Instructor for Principal Leadership and Teacher Leadership at Colorado Mesa University, Grand Junction, Colorado.

August, 1, 2012-June, 2016

Superintendent, Roaring Fork School District, Glenwood Springs, Colorado

June, 2010-June, 2012	Deputy Commissioner of Education, Colorado Department of Education, Denver, Colorado Also served as K-12 advisor to Colorado Commission of Higher Education during that time.
August, 2003-June, 2010	Superintendent, Aspen School District, Aspen, Colorado
June, 2001-August, 2003	Deputy Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment, Colorado Springs School District #11, Colorado Springs, Colorado
June, 1997-June, 2001	Assistant Superintendent for Instruction, Fountain School District 8, Fountain, Colorado
July, 1996-June, 1997	Assistant Superintendent/Interim Superintendent, Falcon School District #49, Falcon, Colorado
July, 1990-July, 1996	Elementary Principal, Douglas County School District, Castle Rock, Colorado
August, 1988-June, 1990	Supervisor for Staff Development, Colorado Springs School District #11, Colorado Springs, Colorado
August, 1982-June, 1988	Teacher, Mathematics and Computer Science, Falcon High School, Falcon School District #49
August, 1979-June, 1982	Elementary Teacher, Hotchkiss Elementary School, Delta County School District
August, 1976-June, 1979	Middle School Science and Mathematics Teacher, Columbine Middle School, Montrose County School District, Montrose, Colorado
August, 1975-June, 1976	Middle School Science Teacher Gunnison, Colorado
Winter, 1988-Present	Adjunct Professor for Colorado Mesa University and University of Colorado at Colorado Springs both on campus and in Extended Studies program. Have also taught Educational Leadership classes for University of Denver, and University of Northern Colorado both on campus and online while working at my other positions.

- 43 years in Colorado as an educator
- 30 years as an administrator and part-time consultant and college instructor
- 13 years as a teacher at all three levels

- Colorado Association of School Executives (CASE) President, 2014-15
- CASSA Board of Directors, 2000-2003, 2005-2008, 2014-17
- CASSA President, 2001-2002, Coordinating Council
- CAESP Board of Directors, 1996-1999
- Board Member Western Slope College Fair Board, 2004-present
- CASE, AASA, and ASCD member since 1988
- Extensive Professional Development Experience across Colorado since 1986 providing professional development on educational topics to over 8000 teachers
- Presented at the CASE Winter Leadership Conference, and the CASE and CASB Conventions multiple times on a variety of topics

Honors

- President -Colorado Association of School Executives, July, 2014-July, 2015
- K-12 advisor to Colorado Commission of Higher Education, 2010-2012
- Winner, Colbert Cushing Award, 2008, from Colorado Association of School Executives for Outstanding Contributions to Education
- Nominee, Colorado Superintendent of the Year, 2006
- Nominee, Colorado Principal of the Year, 1994
- Honorable Mention, Colorado Teacher of the Year, 1987
- Nominated three times for Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics Teaching, 1984-1987
- Nominee, Governor's Award for Excellence in Teaching, 1986