**Sandra Chen**

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 **PERSONAL STATEMENT**

Working as an educator has always been more than just a job – it is a passion, a mission, and a calling.

As an educator, an author, and a professional staff trainer, I have worked in the fullest of my capacity to *educate* in the broadest sense of the word.

There is no greater personal and professional satisfaction than being able to help a child achieve, in being able to work with parents to help them understand services for their children, and in assisting other teachers to help them achieve success in the classroom – both as a district staff member and as a trainer.

I seek opportunities to work with other dedicated administrators, educators, and special services teams in helping provide the most effective educational experience for not only each student, but also each teacher, each family, and each classroom.

 **EDUCATION**

**2009 – RUTGERS UNIVERSITY,**

**NEW BRUNSWICK, NJ**

* MASTERS in Special Education – Graduate School of Education
* CERTIFICATE of Eligibility – Teacher of the Handicap
* CERTIFICATE as Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant

**2003 – WILLIAM PATTERSON UNIV., WAYNE, NJ**

* BACHELOR of Arts – Psychology
* CERTIFICATE of Teaching

**Learning Disabilities Teacher Consultant**

2010 – PRESENT / South River Public School District, South River, NJ

* Member of primary/elementary Child Study Team for pre-K to 5th grade
* Responsible for administration, scoring, and reporting of:
* WJIII
* Brigance Pre-School Assessment
* K-SEALS
* BDI-2
* Case manager for pre-school self-contained and integrated programs
* Case manager for grades 2 and 2
* RTI Committee for grades K-5

Professional Trainer for Singapore Math

2006 – PRESENT / Staff Development for Educators (SDE), Peterborough, NH

* Trained to present as a staff trainer on the strategies embedded in the Singapore Math Program including Problem Solving, Mental Math, and Number Sense
* As a presenter, presented interactive sessions at various conferences and workshops as an expert on the topic of Singapore Math, Model Drawing, Problem Solving Techniques, Number Sense, and Mental Math:
* SDE Math Conferences
* SDE Customized Trainings throughout the U.S.
* Internet-Based e-Seminars on Place Value and Mental Math
* NCTM National Conference Presenter (2008, 2009)
* Singapore Math National Conference Presenter (2007 – 2010)
* NJ School Boards Conference Presenter (2008)
* Intervention Strategies for Struggling Learners Seminar (2008)
* NJEA Teacher Convention Presenter (2007)
* Author of several published books for Crystal Spring Books (division of SDE):
* *The Parent Connection for Singapore Math* (2008)
* *Word Problems for Model Drawing Practice, Level 4* (2009)
* Developer of educational supplements and manipulatives for Crystal Spring Books:
* CD-ROM: *The Importance of Place Value, Computation, and Number Sense* (2008)
* Manipulatives: *Decimal Place Value Strips* (2008), *Decimal Place Value Tiles* (2008), *Decimal Place value Overhead Tiles* (2008), *Decimal Place Value Cubes* (2008)

Fourth Grade Teacher

 **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

* Culinary Arts
* Dance/Performing Arts
* Sewing
* Travel
* Reading

 **CONTACT**

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2003 – 2009 / South River Public School District, South River, NJ

* As an ASI Regular Education Teacher, worked with ASI Co-Teacher for Language Arts and Mathematics
* As a Regular Education Inclusion Teacher, word with with students classified with special needs
* As a Teach for Tomorrow Cooperating Teacher, provided guidance and internship mentoring for high school scenarios with interest in preparing for a career in education
* As a Cooperating Teacher, provided in class supervision, guidance, and mentoring for Kean University student enrolled in education program (Fall 2006 Semester)
* As Outdoor Education Senior Advisor, provided supervision, guidance, organization, and oversight of high school seniors in preparation for annual education camping trips with the district’s 5th grade students.
* As a member of the Science Committee, participated in the review process for elementary science textbook and helped organize and run the Family Science Night
* As Singapore Math District Curriculum Co-Writer for 4th grade, designed district formatted curriculum based on concepts covered in Singapore Math series which was used by 4th grade teaching staff
* AWARDED: Elementary School Teacher of the Year – 2008