



Meet the NYSSWA Board:

Wendy Castiglia

Position: President



Wendy Castiglia has been a practicing School Social Worker since 1992. She has spent most of her career working in grades 6-8 middle schools and loving it! Recently, 7 years ago, she transitioned to elementary (K-5). After adjusting to more incidents of nose picking, and needing to simplify language, she is loving the addition of hugs and pure excitement of spending time with her. She is loving the variety of roles played in her current position-working with both general education students and students with IEPs, managing the schools 504 Accommodation Plans, formally chairing, now a participant, of the Student Support Teams, involved with the shared decision making team, running conversation circles weekly, and the advisor for the Character Club, to name a few. District wide Wendy is a Youth Mental Health Trainer, a Suicide Prevention trainer, involved with DASA programming, provides trainings on district superintendent conference days, department leader, as well as is a therapist in the Family Support Center.

Personally, Wendy is the proud mother of one daughter (and wonderful son-in-law). Soon to be a busy grandmother. (And is trying not to spoil this little person already!) She enjoys her 165 year old house and its many gardens. In the summer months she is found daily reading/napping on her porch swing and fighting with the weeds in said gardens (sometimes she wins, sometimes she surrenders). In addition to reading, Wendy spends her time with friends and family, skiing, attending Buffalo Bills games, traveling, sometimes shoveling, walking her dog, and going to the beach.