



## **Meet the NYSSSWA Board: Karen Mersich, LCSW**

### **Genesee/Rochester Regional Representative**



After attending Nazareth College (now University) and the Greater Rochester MSW program, I began my professional career as a school social worker in 2006! Having worked in districts in both Buffalo and Rochester, I have seen a variety of ways school social workers are utilized in their buildings. Currently, I work in the small but mighty district of Churchville-Chili in Rochester, New York along with 4 other social workers. I love being a part of an interdisciplinary team of professionals to have a collaborative approach when working with students and families. I am excited to be a representative for the Rochester/Genesee region of the New York State School Social Work Association because I believe in the values and ethics we bring to the field of education, and I want to continue to advocate for our role in schools, for years to come!