

FEATURED STAFF MEMBER

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SHARLENE FITZSIMMONS

Acknowledgement of GSSD Service Commitments

The Student Services Team at GSSD recently highlighted Sharlene Fitzsimmons as an excellent Educational Assistant at Columbia School who excels at connecting with students and patiently helps them succeed, possessing a range of strengths. Sharlene demonstrates empathy by understanding students' needs and emotions, while also actively listening to their concerns and learning styles.

Sharlene shows patience as a key attribute, as she works tirelessly to support students at their own pace, using positive reinforcement to celebrate their achievements. Sharlene excels in teamwork, collaborating effectively with colleagues and parents to provide comprehensive support. "Smiley Shar" is committed to continuous learning; she eagerly seeks opportunities for professional development to enhance her ability to support student success demonstrated by her commitment to complete her EA Certification Courses.

Sharlene excels in building connections with both staff and students through her genuine and compassionate demeanor. She actively engages in one-on-one interactions with students, taking the time to listen to their concerns, celebrate their achievements, and build trust. Additionally, Sharlene participates enthusiastically in group activities, fostering a sense of belonging and community among students. She is a leader at Columbia school and was instrumental in leading the School Community Council Playground Fundraising and installation. That leadership role propelled her into leading Columbia's School Community Council as the newly appointed Chairperson.

"Sharlene's dedication and genuine connection with students is truly inspiring. She goes above and beyond to ensure every student feels valued and supported in their learning journey."



CARING & FRIENDLY - EXCEEDING EXPECTATIONS - EXPRESSING EMPATHY - SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT - THE POWER OF "YES" - TAKING TIME TO LISTEN

