

The South Colonie School District Mentor program provides new probationary teachers and long term replacements with direct support and assistance. The mentor program is one of many professional development opportunities available to the teaching staff. The Mentoring program is coordinated by two teachers one representing the 7-12 grade levels and another teacher coordinates elementary level, pre-school through grade 6.

## **Goals and Mission**

### **New York State Department of Education's Mission:**

- Ease the transition from preparation to practice
- Provide guidance and support during the critical early years of teaching
- Help new teachers apply what they know in the classroom
- Develop the instructional capacity to improve student achievement

### **South Colonie Central School District's Goals:**

- Develop teacher effectiveness in order to increase student learning
- Attract and retain high quality teachers in the profession
- Foster positive teacher relationships with students, parents, community members, peers, and administrators
- Strengthen overall school culture by creating greater collaboration among teachers, thus facilitating professional and instructional growth
- Promote personal and professional growth through dialogue and reflection

Mentor Coordinator: Thomasa Nielsen for Elementary Education and Secondary teachers

Please provide the following information so we can begin the process of assigning a mentor to you and provide additional program information.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ Cell# \_\_\_\_\_

School Bldg. \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_