

TRACY ATTAYA

Tracy Attaya began her career in the Milton Public Schools in 2001 as an instructional aide before moving on to become an ABA Therapist in the Integrated Preschool Program.

Since 2011, Ms. Attaya has taught in the NECC Program at Collicot Elementary School where she has made a tremendous impact on her students.

According to Director of Pupil Personnel Services Susan Maselli, “Tracy has dedicated her career to the children of Milton who have autism, and has tirelessly supported families, students and colleagues as one of the leading educators for autism support services. Her presence will be missed both in the autism strand and general community as she leaves us after so many wonderful years of service.”

Principal Holly Concannon added, “Tracy has been a strong and consistent teacher leader for our special programs at Collicot. Her knowledge and expertise in the areas of curriculum, instructional practices and behavioral supports have made her an exemplary educator for students with significant needs. Ms. Attaya’s commitment and desire to bring out the best in every child has led to amazing growth for our children. Implementing early interventions for our very young has resulted in our children reaching important milestones.”

Tracy has gone above and beyond for students, families, caregivers and staff for many years. Collicot is a better place because of her work. We wish Tracy the best in the next exciting chapter of her life!

Tracy, we would like to thank you for your years of service to the Milton Public Schools, and we wish you continued success as you begin your new adventure in Georgia.

MICHAEL CLEARY

Pierce Middle School Principal Dr. William Fish stated that Mr. Michael Cleary has spent the past 28 years serving the Milton Public Schools as a social studies teacher at Pierce Middle School. He has been a steady presence in the lives of his students and colleagues throughout his career, and his kind and fun-loving spirit will be missed in our hallways and classrooms.

Mike has been a mentor - both formally and informally - to countless colleagues over the years. He is often someone whose experiences and input are sought when one is making important decisions or considering changes.

Mike served on Pierce's Site Council for many years, often serving as a liaison between the school and families. He consistently brought a perspective and outlook that affirmed the work of others over the years while welcoming opportunities to help the school's ongoing growth and improvement efforts.

We wish Mike all the best for a long and healthy retirement with his wife, Mimi, and his children.

Everyone has one last question for Mike – What happens to your PEZ collection!

JUDITH BYGATE

Ms. Bygate was hired as a School Psychologist for the Milton Public Schools in August of 2018.

Susan Maselli, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, stated, “Ms. Bygate has tirelessly advocated for the needs of students and families. Her dedication to her craft goes far beyond her role as evaluation team member. She was frequently found supporting students, consulting with colleagues or championing the cause of students marginalized and underserved. Her presence as a team member will be greatly missed by the Milton High School team.”

Milton High School Principal Karen Cahill noted that it has been a pleasure to work with Judy. According to Principal Cahill, Ms. Bygate’s dedication to students and assisting staff and families in understanding students’ testing and learning styles have always been her priorities. When Judy works with a student she gains a deep understanding of educational and family history and ensures that no stone is left unturned in meeting student needs.” Ms. Cahill referred to Ms. Bygate as a team player who is not afraid to ask the difficult questions. “She always has data to back up her comments and until students are receiving the support they need, she does not stop working on a case. It will be tough to fill her shoes!”

We wish Ms. Bygate years of health and happiness and we thank her for her years of service to the Milton Public Schools.

JOSEPH DOLAN

Mr. Dolan began his career with the Milton Public Schools in 1995 and worked as an aide before becoming a teacher at Tucker Elementary School where he had a highly successful career.

After several years, Mr. Dolan furthered his career and moved on to teach at the Pierce Middle School where he remained until his retirement this year.

Mr. Dolan was a familiar face, not only in the school setting, but also through his work at Milton Community Schools, Milton Summer Enrichment, and most importantly, through his coaching. Mr. Dolan coached Rugby for 11 years starting in 2011 when the Rugby Team was created. In all 3 years as an MIAA Sport, he has guided the Wildcats to the State Title Game, winning the Championship in 2018 and 2019.

According to Athletic Director Ryan Madden, “Coach Dolan's character is reflected in the way his team carries itself. Even with the successes his players have had over the years, they have shown class and humility under Coach Dolan. Between introducing new players to the sport and working with the New England Free Jacks, he and his staff have done an excellent job to help grow the game of Rugby in this State.”

Mr. Dolan, we hope that you will enjoy this stage of your life after working so hard for the Milton Public Schools.

APRIL ALLEGREZZA

Ms. April Allegrezza began her career in the Milton Public Schools in 1986 as an elementary music teacher, and over the course of her career she has had the opportunity to share her expertise with thousands of students.

Principal Holly Concannon shared how much she enjoyed working with Ms Allegrezza and watching her instill a love of music in children of all abilities over the years. According to Ms. Concannon, “Ms. Allegrezza has been a steadfast presence in the lives of our students, even through the pandemic. She has poured her heart and soul into thoughtful planning and instruction. She has dedicated her career to music education in the Milton Public Schools. Her musical talents have been showcased annually in concerts, assemblies, and special ceremonies. Ms. Allegrezza will be greatly missed!”

Director of Music and Fine Arts Aneeka Cheema referred to Ms. Allegrezza as a champion teacher who brings joy to her students through music. “She opened the world of music understanding and skills to our students as well as instilled a great appreciation for music. Her warm personality, witty humor, ever present collegiality, dedication to her craft and elegant professionalism will be truly missed by her district-wide colleagues and students.”

Former Superintendent Mary Gormley agreed that Ms. Allegrezza created an appreciation and love of music within every PreK-Grade 5 music class she taught. She wanted to extend her gratitude to April for making music come alive for generations of Milton Public School elementary grade students.

In addition to her teaching, Ms. Allegrezza served for many years as a member of the Mentoring Leadership Team for the Milton Public Schools. She co-led the mentoring program for the district and was responsible for revising the Mentoring and Induction Program Handbook yearly, adopting a comprehensive program for mentors and mentees, planning professional development opportunities, and planning orientations and events for new teachers and teachers new to the district. In fact, April and her co-leader earned special recognition from DESE for Milton's mentoring practices! April's leadership in mentoring has been critical in district efforts to recruit and retain talented teachers.

Ms. Allegrezza, we wish you continued health and happiness in your future!

SUSAN HENNESSEY

What could be more appropriate than the words Ms. Hennessy wrote in her original application to the Milton Public Schools back in 1985. Ms. Hennessy wrote that:

“My desire to teach in Milton obviously includes the many reasons that guided me towards choosing elementary education as a career. However, there are some very special feelings involved in my hope to teach in the Milton schools. I love both the town and its schools. My years at Glover, Pierce and Milton High include memories I will cherish all my life.” “Just being back in the Milton school environment, seeing the enthusiastic people, the good kids, convinced me of what I already knew. “I’m sure I’d be good for Milton and the Milton school system would be good for me.”

Cunningham Principal Dr. Jonathan Redden could not help but agree that Ms. Hennessy has been good for the Milton Public Schools. Dr. Redden said that you would never know Ms. Hennessy has been working in the Milton Public Schools for 37 years as she has as much energy as her students. Dr. Redden stated that as a teacher, Sue has consistently been a warm, approachable person with whom young students feel comfortable taking risks. This ultimately leads students to find many successes - both socially and academically - in her care. Ms. Hennessey has always been a team player and someone who

has always had a smile on her face, regardless of any challenges she may have encountered.

Mary Gormley, former Superintendent and Principal of Cunningham Elementary School, hopes Ms. Hennessy knows that she is a valuable member of the Milton Public Schools who has been respected and appreciated by generations of students, parents/guardians, fellow staff members and administrators alike. Ms. Gormley stated that Ms. Hennessy epitomizes the dedication, talent and “kindness” that every administrator looks for when hiring and building a teaching staff.

Ms. Hennessy, you have been a true staple at Cunningham School for many years, and students, staff and families will certainly miss your warmth, expertise, and positive attitude.

We wish you continued health and happiness in your retirement.