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Professional Experience

- 2009-Present Chief Executive Officer, Abels Consulting & Design, LLC
- 2015-Present Contract Trainer/Consultant, PowerSchool, LLC.
- 2009-2015 Contract Trainer/Consultant Pearson School Systems, Inc. (PowerSchool)
- 2010-2012 Contract Reviewer of Investing in Innovation Applications, U.S. Department of Education
- 2000-2009 Director of Instructional Services, Solon Community School District, Solon, Iowa
- 1998-2000 Director of Instructional Services, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Kodiak, Alaska
- 1998-2000 Principal, Kodiak Alternative High School, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Kodiak, Alaska
- 1996-1998 Principal, East Elementary School, Kodiak Island Borough School District, Kodiak, Alaska
- 1973-1996 Sixth grade classroom educator, Cedar Falls Community Schools, Cedar Falls, IA

Education

- 2004 University of Iowa, College of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies, Superintendent Endorsement
- 1992 University of Iowa, College of Education, Division of Curriculum and Instruction, Course work and comprehensive examinations for Doctor of Philosophy degree in Education
- 1988 University of Northern Iowa, College of Education, Department of Educational Administration, Iowa Elementary Administrator certification
- 1978 M.A. University of Northern Iowa, College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, General Curriculum Studies
- 1973 B.A. University of Northern Iowa, College of Education, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Elementary Education

Related Experience

- 2008 Apple Classrooms of Tomorrow (ACOT²) Project Development, Apple, Inc.
- 2006 Iowa Central Office Administrator of the Year, School Administrators of Iowa
- 2005 Region 10 Central Office Administrator of the Year, School Administrators of Iowa
- 2005-Present Apple Distinguished Educator, Apple, Inc.
- 2003 ePortfolio Project evaluator, University of Iowa, College of Educational Policy and Leadership Studies
- 2001 Committee to develop performance criteria for the Iowa Teaching Standards, Iowa Department of Education
- 1994 National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Assistant Trainer of Scoring and Director of Scoring and Interviewer of Candidates for Young Adolescent Generalist Certification
- 1988-1989 University of Northern Iowa, Department of Curriculum and Instruction, Cedar Falls, Iowa. Adjunct Instructor, Course title: "Teaching of Reading and Language Arts"

Certifications

- Education
 - Iowa Permanent Professional K-9 Teaching
 - Iowa Professional PK-6 Principal; Superintendent
- PowerSchool
 - Initial Product Training
 - PowerScheduler
 - Strategic Consultation
 - Implementation Specialist
 - Key to Ownership Consultation