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Andrea Marks began her career in education as an elementary school teacher in 1992. She has had the opportunity to work, learn and hone her instructional skills through a wide variety of experiences. Her first teaching assignments included interim resource teacher, 3,4,5 combination classroom teacher, first and fourth grade teacher. In 1998 she and her family moved to Nevada City where she became an Expeditionary Learning home study teacher for Grass Valley Charter School. When her youngest child entered Kindergarten, Andrea returned to school for her Reading Specialist credential. She was hired by Nevada City School District to create a Learning Center program for their Title I and Resource students at Deer Creek and Seven Hills schools. Fourteen years later, she was ready for more professional learning and growth. She worked to earn her Master's Degree in Instructional Design. At the same time was hired on as a curriculum developer for UC Berkeley Lawrence Hall of Science Learning Design Group. Her role there was to develop elementary level integrated ELA/Science lessons aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards for Amplify Science. When the development cycle ended at The Hall, Andrea accepted a position with San Juan Unified School District as an English Language Development TOSA. There she worked with leadership teams and teachers supporting English Learners. Andrea has also been fortunate to be a part of projects with WestEd, Stanford Center for Assessment, Learning and Equity and Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education. Andrea is passionate about supporting teachers in their efforts to provide access to content for *all* students through well crafted, research based instructional practice.