

**August 2022**

# **RENZULLI CENTER NEWS**

## *Special Category*

### **Every Kid Needs a Champion**

Joe ran across this TED Talk and thought it delivers a very powerful message.

*Rita Pierson, a teacher for 40 years, once heard a colleague say, "They don't pay me to like the kids." Her response: "Kids don't learn from people they don't like." A rousing call to educators to believe in their students and actually connect with them on a real, human, personal level.*

Watch Rita Pierson's TED Talks Education:

[https://www.ted.com/talks/rita\\_pierson\\_every\\_kid\\_needs\\_a\\_champion](https://www.ted.com/talks/rita_pierson_every_kid_needs_a_champion)

## *Job Opportunities*

### **Elementary Gateway Specialist - Barnstable United Elementary School, Hyannis, MA**

**JOB GOAL:** To implement Gateway curriculum by working with students on a small-group or individual basis in an enrichment room setting who have been identified to work on accelerated or curriculum-based enrichment.

Read details of the job opening:

[Barnstable Public Schools Job Opening](#)



**JOB SPECIFICATIONS (EDUCATION, LICENSE, EXPERIENCE, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS, AND ABILITIES):**

**Required:**

15. Minnesota teaching license in Elementary Education.
16. Demonstrated knowledge of the needs of gifted learners.
17. Experience with differentiated instruction as related to gifted learners.
18. Demonstrated collaboration and relationship-building skills.
19. Strong oral and written communication skills.
20. Ability to perform routine computer functions and integrate the use of technology in classroom instruction.
21. Ability to communicate with stakeholders in a positive and responsive way that is consistently welcoming and enhances effective work relationships.
22. Prompt, regular, and reliable attendance.
23. Ability to perform routine computer functions, including the use of email and Microsoft Word.
24. Communicates with students, parents, co-workers, supervisors, and the community in a positive and responsive way that is consistently welcoming and enhances effective work relationships.
25. Demonstrates an appreciation of diversity in all interactions and job functions.

**Desired:**

26. Master's degree, certificate courses, or advanced training in gifted education.
27. Responsive Classroom trained or ability to become trained within 12 months.
28. Licensed in 5-8 or 5-12 Mathematics.
29. Experience with or training related to students who are twice-exceptional.

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For more information, contact: SoWashCo Schools at 651-425-6291



*Alumni News*

**Academic Milestone–  
Dr. Lisa DaVia Rubenstein**

Congratulations to Dr. Lisa DaVia Rubenstein who achieved the rank of full professor in the Department of Educational Psychology at Ball State University, Muncie, IN. Lisa's UConn family is so proud of all her accomplishments. Lisa completed her PhD from the University of Connecticut in 2011.

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## **Enrichment Clusters in Middle School**

Joe is passing along via [the attached](#) an excellent example of the process that a group of middle students used in an Enrichment Cluster to produce a remarkable video and study about the Holocaust. Their film can be viewed by clicking on:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=N2sTTI-apll>



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