

2023 Retirement List Certified Employees

Name	Years of Nebo Service
James Anderson.....	33
Eric Archer	26
Brian Beck	31
Katherine Beck.....	31.5
Ray Bishop.....	36
Kellie Cox.....	15
Russell Graham	35
Steven Haskell	31
Lana H. Hiskey.....	31
Keri Huntsman.....	33
Lori Jacobson	22
Karen Leavitt	33
D. Lynn Mecham	33
Lisa Muirbrook	28
Julie Peery	30
Sherri Peterson.....	33
Anne Pouliot.....	20
Cynthia Roylance.....	21
Spencer Sainsbury.....	38
Jacquelyn Searle.....	20
NataLei Terry.....	21
Janean Thomas.....	23
Leslie Walker.....	20
Linda Walter	39
Carey White.....	33

2023 Retirement List Classified Employees

Name.....	Years of Nebo Service
Debbie Butler.....	22
Theresa Carey.....	24
Michael T. Christensen.....	10
Laura Coleman.....	21.5
Anne Cook.....	28
Pamela Davis.....	20
Cheri Emerick.....	20
Shauna Frossard.....	17
Laureen Gabbitas.....	36
Christine Hall.....	35
Gayle Jenkins.....	13
Kandie N. Jensen.....	20
Amanda Kittell.....	25
Valerie Leetham.....	17
Tammy Sauvageau.....	30
Dawn Stoddard.....	15
Bradley Stone.....	15
Hugo Villar.....	17
James Walker.....	12.5
Becky Whiting.....	20
Sylvia Williams.....	20
Michael Wing.....	24

Certified Employees Retiring: **25** for a total of **716.5** Years in Nebo

Classified Employees Retiring: **22** for a total of **462** Years in Nebo

Total Employees Retiring: **47** for a Total of **1,178.5** Years in Nebo

Nebo School District Retirees – 2023



James Anderson

Teacher – Springville Junior High

33 years of service in Nebo School District

2 years in another district

“T hanks.” >>>

Eric Archer

Teacher – Payson Junior High

26 years of service in Nebo School District

“T eaching was everything I dreamed it would be and more!

“Thank you, South County, for the great experience.” >>>





Brian Beck

Teacher – Spring Canyon Middle

31 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I would like to thank all of the great administrators, faculty members, coaches, and students that I have had the opportunity to work with the past 31

years.” >>>

Katherine Beck

TSA Facilitator – East Meadows Elementary

31.5 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I have absolutely loved being a teacher. I have filled other roles throughout my 32 years, but I will always consider myself a teacher. I have worked at two amazing schools, Larsen and East Meadows elementary schools, and have had the opportunity to observe BYU students in several other elementary schools throughout the district. The people are what make my job fun! I have been blessed to work with outstanding principals and teachers and school staff who have become dear friends as well as colleagues. I have connected with amazing families who have trusted me to teach and care for their children every day. My fondest memories are reading aloud to children as they



gathered around my chair at the back rug, playing steal the bacon on the front square of grass at Larsen Elementary, and mentoring many beginning teachers and interns in kindergarten through sixth grade at East Meadows Elementary. I love the teaching profession and will forever remember my years in Nebo School District.” >>>



Ray Bishop

Teacher – Springville High

36 years of service in Nebo School District

1 year in another district

“ I can’t think of a more rewarding career to be involved in than education.

I’ve met and worked with so many great people in one year at Union High School in the Duchesne School District, 21 years at Payson High School, and 15 years at Springville High School here in the Nebo School District. Hopefully, I’ve helped influence and shape some lives in my teaching years, but I know that I’ve gained much more than I could ever give. I’ve worked with so many great people and have so many that I admire and am amazed by. I’m just grateful to have been a part of the awesome things going on in this district.

“I’ve spent 53 years of my life in the classroom, both as a student and as a teacher so I guess it is time for me to finally graduate and move on to the next chapter of life. I’ll look back fondly on my years here. I’ll truly miss all of you that I’ve been so used to working with and seeing on a daily basis.” >>>

Debbie Butler

Head Custodian – Diamond Fork Middle
22 years of service in Nebo School
District



Theresa Carey

Finance Secretary – Mapleton Junior High
24 years of service in Nebo School
District

“ I have really enjoyed my 24 years with Nebo School District and especially Mapleton Junior High. Over the years, I have developed some great friendships with many of you. It would be impossible to thank those individuals that have brought so much joy into my life! I will truly miss those special people that made working so much fun! I’m taking so many wonderful memories with me! Thank you so much, but it’s time to move on. Time to start a new journey, to spend more time with family, and for whatever comes along!” >>>

Michael Christensen

Bus Driver – Transportation
10 years of service in Nebo School District



Laura Coleman

Special Education Intervention Technician – District Office
21.5 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I have been honored to work with the finest and most caring people around.

There have been many over the years. I

have spent my entire career on the Intervention Team, which was, of course, originally known as the Autism Team. I was lucky enough to be taught by Launa Macomber, then to work with Michele Thompson, Neeley Kay, Jared Toone, and others, each teaching me. I have been incredibly lucky. I have worked closely with so many teachers and technicians, I still consider them friends. Some have been incredibly hard to say goodbye to. The nature of my job made that happen a lot. I have loved working with the children with special needs and behavioral needs. There is nothing more fulfilling than seeing them have a success! I will miss that sorely. It has been an amazing journey!” >>>

Anne Cook

Finance Secretary – Salem Junior High

28 years of service in Nebo School District



“The time has finally arrived! After 28 years...

...I am finally graduating from Junior High School!

“I have spent my entire adult life working for Nebo School District. A couple of days into my initial job as a Special Education technician, after hearing one of the students give a report on the “Anacondom,” I knew that I was going to love my job. The students have been the best part! They are amazing! Always remember that! My time spent in the schools has been so rewarding. I’ve created lifelong friendships with students, parents, grandparents and school faculty that I will cherish forever. It’s questionable if I have ever made a difference in anyone’s life, but I know for certain that all of these friends have made a difference in mine!

“Thanks to all of you! It’s been a great ride.” >>>



Kellie Cox

**Special Education Resource Teacher –
Mt. Nebo Middle**

15 years of service in Nebo School
District

“ I started at Farrer Junior High School in Provo teaching 7th grade math for two years, then worked at Charter Canyon Hospital on the Child and Adolescent Units teaching school in the mornings with the children and afternoons with the adolescents for three years. I then transferred to Utah Valley Regional Medical Center to their Behavioral Medicine Unit. Here, I also taught K-6 in the mornings and 7th-12th grade in the afternoons for six years. I taught year-round in the hospital settings and the grade levels were combined in one classroom. They were unique and amazing years for me.

“Next, I moved to Springville High School for three years. I taught 10th grade math, English, and reading classes. Two of those years, I taught the Yearbook class. That was a fun experience but a lot of work. Back then, we used film cameras and the students developed their black and white film in a dark room. I loved Springville High School, but my bishop at the time came to my house one evening with a contract in his hand offering me a job and raise for Provo High School. Apparently I can be bought, so I transferred to Provo High School for six years teaching math, English, and reading classes.

“My last teaching move was to Mt. Nebo Junior High School, which is now a middle school. Mike Murray, who retired from Nebo District a long time ago, convinced me

to return to Nebo District. When Mt. Nebo was a junior high school, I taught Secondary Math I, 9th grade English, and reading. Now that it's a middle school, I only teach 7th grade math. I am back to where I started and have come full circle from where I began.

"Other than caring for my parents, husband, and dog, my only other plans will be to start quilting again. My basement has been under construction for nine months and counting due to a flood, so I've missed this piece of my life. I am looking forward to getting creative again." >>>



Pam Davis

Child Nutrition – Salem Elementary

20 years of service in Nebo School District

Cheri Emerick

Special Education Intervention Technician – District Office

27 years of service in Nebo School District

"I feel fortunate to have been employed with Nebo School District for the past 27 years. Throughout my time with the district, I have had opportunities to serve in different capacities. I have made countless wonderful friends



and have been consistently supported by the principals, office staff, teachers, and custodial staff in each school that I visit. Most recently, I have had the opportunity to work on the District Intervention Team. I have loved being a part of this team, while working together to help students overcome some of their challenges. The sense of community and welcoming atmosphere at each school has truly made my time with Nebo School District unforgettable. From day one, I have felt like a valued member of the team, and I am forever grateful for the opportunities I have been given to work alongside such dedicated and talented individuals.

"I was told by someone, 'If a child is loved at home, they come to school to learn. If a child is not loved at home, they come to school to be loved.' It has been an absolute joy to watch them grow and develop over the years. I feel truly privileged to have been a part of their educational journeys. As I reflect on my time with Nebo School District, I am overwhelmed with gratitude for the experiences I have had and the relationships I have formed. I am excited to see what the future holds for this amazing district, and I am proud to have been a part of its legacy." >>>

Shauna Frossard

Special Education Technician - Hobble Creek Elementary

17 years of service in Nebo School District



"The students I've been privileged to work with have literally brought joy into my days and a frequent smile to my heart. I will miss them and the wonderful feeling it is to see a student grow and stretch with each

passing year. Having worked with a variety of teachers and administrators, I will miss their association, wisdom, guidance, kindness, and shared laughs. I'm grateful to take so many positive memories with me." >>>



Lauren Gabbitas

Bus Driver – Transportation

36 years of service in Nebo School District

Russel Graham

Computer Programmer/Analyst – District Office

35 years of service in Nebo School District



" I have been blessed to have spent my career working for Nebo School District. I started my career in the Transportation Department for a year and a half and spent the rest of my time in the IT department at the District Office. My colleagues and co-workers have been an inspiration and have made it a joy to come to work each day. There have been ups and downs through the years that have provided opportunities for growth. One of

the philosophies that has guided my time and that I have strived to follow is that 'People matter.' Each person that I have met has something important to teach me and I have something important to teach them." >>>



Christine Hall

Finance Secretary - Maple Grove Middle
35 years of service in Nebo School District

Steven M. Haskell

Teacher - Salem Hills High
31 years of service in Nebo School District





Lana H. Hiskey

**Communications/Community Relations
Administrator
Nebo Education Foundation Executive
Director**

31 years of service in Nebo

“ I have the best job in the district! I get to celebrate all of you. For the past 21 years, I have been in your schools celebrating students, staff, teachers, and administrators. Thank you for welcoming me in and sharing your stories and successes.

“I will forever be indebted to Frances Larsen and Denis Poulsen for hiring me as a young business, marketing, communications, and technology teacher 36 years ago. I had many amazing administrators throughout my career at Springville High, Spanish Fork High, and then in the communications role at Nebo School District offices. I have worked for incredible bosses such as Superintendents Carl Nielson, Chris Sorensen, and Rick Nielsen as well as Scott Wilson and Ben Ford. Thank you for molding and guiding me throughout the years. I could not have done my job without the help of so many. Your help and contributions made this job possible. Thank you!!

“In my role as Executive Director of the Nebo Education Foundation, I see the generosity of so many individuals willing to donate so our teachers and our students are enriched with the best education. Our Foundation Board members are some of the best people in the state. Thank you for becoming some of my best friends.

"My life, my children, and now my grandchildren have been greatly blessed because of Nebo School District. I will always cherish my Nebo School District Family. You will always have a piece of my heart.

"Now, on to the next big adventure . . ." >>>

Keri Huntsman

Principal – Orchard Hills Elementary
33 years of service in Nebo School District



"I believe teaching is more about building relationships than it is about teaching content. In building relationships, three simple school rules can be applied to life as well. They are 1-Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself; 2-Be kind in word and deed; 3-Listen and follow directions. Life lessons come as we practice being consistent at following these rules with a genuine focus on rule #2, being kind. The relationships and friendships I've had throughout my career have had a positive impact on me and my family. Thank you for your kindness and for helping me grow. I have loved being a teacher and an administrator in Nebo School District, the best district in Utah!" >>>



Lori S. Jacobson

Teacher - Spanish Fork High

22 years of service in Nebo School District

“It’s certainly been an adventure and a pleasure to serve the students of Nebo School District throughout my teaching career. Fostering and teaching self-empowerment skills in the CTE area has been a passion of mine since I, myself, was a teen in high school decades ago! I always felt my business courses were the most helpful, interesting, practical, and potentially useful classes I experienced. My desire was to make sure I helped my students see the value in what they were learning and find ways to apply the principles in their own personal lives, all while holding them to high academic standards and professional ethics. Teaching students technology-based skills, basics in career planning, money management, saving and investing, economic and entrepreneurial skills has been an absolute pleasure. Helping them build a foundation for their personal success was my goal, and it’s been a thrill to see so many of them progress through life and find their own success and meet challenges on their journey.

“My absolute greatest ‘perk’ while teaching was running into students outside of the classroom. It’s always brought me great joy to see a smile on their faces and hear a ‘Hi Ms. J.’ as I went about the duties of life in the communities of Spanish Fork, Springville, and other areas in Utah Valley. I felt blessed to have shared time with them during their critical, formative years, and teach them concepts I knew would be an asset to them throughout their lives. Getting to know students better through extra-curricular activities

when advising them in DECA, Kiwanis Key Club, or FBLA was always a pleasure as I watched them work and perform service for their community with a positive attitude and desire to make a difference in their communities. I'll miss my students and the energy they always brought to the high school atmosphere and my classroom, as well as friends and colleagues. Even so, I feel excited to move on to my next great adventure with my dear husband and the chance to spend more time with loved ones--especially my beautiful grandchildren! I invite any and all my students and friends to stay connected through LinkedIn (Lori S. Jacobson) so I can celebrate your successes in life! Adventure awaits . . . stay in touch! And always remember: Love, Learn, and Lift others!" >>>



Gayle Jenkins

Instructional Technician – Cherry Creek Elementary

13 years of service in Nebo School District

" I'm grateful for the opportunity that I have had to work for Nebo School District. I have been blessed to work with the most amazing people who have enriched my life. I cherish the many friendships that I have made throughout the years." >>>

Kandie Jensen

Accountant – District Office

20 years of service in Nebo School District



“ It has been an honor to work with such a great group of peers and administrators. They have always been a true example of putting students first in all they do, as well as caring about the community. I will treasure my memories of working at Nebo always.” >>>



Amanda Kittell

Special Education Compliance Technician – District Office

25 years of service in Nebo School District and 3 years in another district

“ I didn’t plan to work for Nebo... 25 years later, I am retiring from Nebo!

In November of 1998, I walked into the cafeteria at Payson Middle School to pay for school lunches for my kids. There was a new student who didn’t know English and a teacher was trying, unsuccessfully, to explain to her how to enter her student ID number into the PIN-pad so she could eat. I was able to use my Spanish to interpret for the student and help her figure out how to enter her number correctly. I wasn’t looking for a job then, but I offered to come and volunteer a couple of days a week to help, but I was told that they needed someone there every

day. I still had two kids that were not in school full time and I just couldn't afford babysitting fees every day. Then I was told that they were not looking for a volunteer position, but that I'd be paid for it. I checked into it further and was soon hired as an ESL Technician. Later on, I became an ESL Parent Liaison for the southern part of the district. In 2007, I started working for the Special Education Department as a member of the SPED File Compliance Team.

"I have worked with many great people through the years, and I have had the opportunity to help many families with limited English to navigate many issues regarding their students and the district. I am grateful for the influence of many people who gave me their support and encouragement to go back to school, to get my ESL endorsement, and ultimately to earn my Bachelor's degree. I would like to give special thanks to Pam Norton, Wade Menlove, J. Lynn Jones and so many others that in one way or another helped me to navigate these wonderful years with Nebo School District.

"I cannot believe that it has already been 25 years! I will miss many of the friends I have made and the thousands of people I have served as a bilingual interpreter and translator while working in Nebo, but I am ready to start another chapter of my life!" >>>



Karen Leavitt

TSA Instructional Coach – Foothills Elementary

33 years of service in Nebo School District



Valerie Leetham

Benefits Specialist - District Office

17 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I have enjoyed my career with Nebo School District. I have loved working in the insurance world and working through insurance with employees. Thank you, Chad Argyle, for hiring me! I am so appreciative of the great supervisors I have had – Allen Gurney, Sandra Jarvis, Dwight Liddiard, and Ryan Kay. You all have such great leadership skills. Thank you and appreciation to Ken Van Ausdal for his support, integrity and tenacity in the Benefits Specialist position. I will miss my co-workers and treasure the friendships and will miss the great laughs from the payroll/finance department – I do love you all! Thank you, Nebo School District!” >>>

D. Lynn Mecham

Principal – Landmark High

33 years of service in Nebo School District

“ F irst of all, I would like to thank my family for their support, especially my wife for her love and support. I have had the pleasure of working in a lot of places and schools in Nebo School District. With that experience, I have worked with some of the best people



on the Planet. I have friendships that will last forever, and experiences I will never forget. I have loved working with students, co-workers, and parents all over the district. For me, the joy of education comes in seeing a student learn something new. I love working with others to try and make a difference in the lives of students.” >>>

Lisa Muirbrook

Principal – Art City Elementary

28 years of service in Nebo School District



“ It’s impossible to list those who have made a difference in my life throughout my years in education. Each year, I learn and grow as an educator and as a person. That’s what I love about this career, we always get to continue to learn. As long as we learn, we can make progress and move forward. I’ve been so very fortunate to work with wonderful friends who have helped me to be and do my best.” >>>

Julie Peery

Principal – Canyon Elementary

30 years of service in Nebo School District



“As a first-grader at Brockbank Elementary, Mrs. Helen Harris (along with my own mom), instilled a love of learning that ran so deep, I knew from the age of six years old, I wanted to be a teacher. How blessed my life continued to be because of my early and subsequent years in Nebo District. I have loved each position I have served in, and my experiences have helped shape me into the person I am today. Working with hundreds of students has given me opportunities to grow but mostly has given me tremendous joy!

“The colleagues and friends I worked with at Larsen, Mapleton, and Canyon are some of my most cherished relationships. I value the work we did together to help students succeed and loved learning from you. I respect the hard work, dedication and kindness I saw on a daily basis in every role and job title. I am so grateful to have served these past nine years with the district administration team and to have worked among amazing leaders and friends who truly care! I am grateful for my own principals who saw potential and encouraged me to try new ways to expand my influence in various leadership capacities. I hope to continue advocating for and serving children in my future.

“Finally, tremendous thanks goes to my husband and daughters who have been my greatest support...through the tough days and incredibly rewarding days too. Thank you, Nebo for a wonderful career!” >>>



Sherri Peterson

TSA Facilitator – Spanish Oaks Elementary

33 years of service in Nebo School District

“**T**here is not a time, as far back as I can remember, that I didn’t want to be a teacher. Even in 1st grade, I went by my middle name that year because it was also my teacher’s name, and I wanted to be like her. How many people are lucky enough to spend their life fulfilling their childhood dream? I am one of the few. I loved going to work each morning and looked forward to starting a new school year at the end of every summer. Who cannot be happy when they are told they look beautiful every morning (whether true or not); they get to laugh numerous times during the day; and are given dozens of hugs and all sorts of gifts created by little hands? Teaching elementary school in Nebo School District has meant a life full of happiness for me. I am so grateful to all the amazing people (both students and faculty/staff members) that I have been blessed to learn from and work with. They have made a big impact on my life.” >>>

Anne Pouliot

Teacher – Valley View Middle

20 years of service in Nebo School District



“After teaching French and social studies for the old Jordan School District for nine years, my life’s circumstances brought me to Nebo School District in 2003. Over my almost 20 years with NSD, my assignments were varied and challenging. I started at Spanish Fork High School teaching geography and up to five levels of French. When NSD stopped teaching French in 2010, I was assigned to teach math and U.S. Studies at Landmark High School for two years before being assigned to teach in Landmark Cornerstone, where I taught a number of subjects including math, language arts, social studies, science, art, and life skills. I had the opportunity to teach in Nebo Adult Education for three years and a semester as a special education teacher at Valley View Middle School. Over the years, I met and worked with outstanding individuals who inspired and supported me. I am grateful for them. I am especially grateful for the students who allowed me to influence their lives for good and to celebrate with them their successes: the big ones, the small ones, and all the ones in between.” >>>

Cindy Roylance

Teacher – Art City Elementary

21 years of service in Nebo School District



“ I am deeply grateful for the good fortune I have had to teach in the Nebo School District for the past 21 years. Teaching 2nd Grade at Art City Elementary has been the career of my dreams. I have loved working with the children, parents, co-workers, and staff at Art City. I have always felt supported, encouraged, and valued as a teacher. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity.” >>>



Spencer Sainsbury

Child Nutrition Coordinator – District Office

38 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I have appreciated the thirty-eight years I’ve spent working in Nebo School District. My life has been enriched with many of my work experiences. I have been richly blessed by great mentors along the way who believed in me and then helped

me be successful. I have loved working with students, faculties, staff, and Child Nutrition workers.

"I loved my ten years as a fifth-grade teacher at Taylor Elementary. I didn't realize how much I loved children until I was able to interact and try to make a difference with them. Nothing is as sweet as working with students and seeing a big smile when they do something difficult that they thought they couldn't do.

"I helped open up Mt. Loafer Elementary as a facilitator the first year it was opened and then went on to be a principal for five years at Park View, fourteen years at Spring Lake and one year at Westside—many great memories with wonderful faculties and staff. I then came to the district office to work in Child Nutrition for the last seven years. It also has been very rewarding. Every step along the way has given me different experiences that have helped me be the person I am today. I would like to think that I made a difference along the way in my thirty-eight years with Nebo School District, but I know that Nebo School District made a difference for me." >>>

Tammy Sauvageau

Child Nutrition – Diamond Fork Middle
30 years of service in Nebo School District



"I am so grateful for Annette Dowley and all of the other ladies that I have worked with." >>>

Jacquelyn Searle

Teacher – Rees Elementary

20 years of service in Nebo School District



“ I have loved working with the students, teachers, and administrators of Nebo School District. I appreciate the principals that I have worked with. They are great leaders. I have enjoyed the culture and camaraderie created by them. I love the teachers I have been able to work with and their willingness to share, support, and collaborate. I am grateful to the Nebo School District for the many opportunities it has provided to be able to improve and progress in my teaching profession. I am especially grateful for all of the friends that I have worked with at Rees Elementary. It has been a wonderful 20 years!” >>>



Dawn Stoddard

Finance Secretary – Springville High

15 Years of service in Nebo School District

“ I began working for Nebo School District when my offer to volunteer in my children’s elementary classrooms was no longer needed (I think 4th grade). We had high schoolers by then, and I wanted to be better connected to their school and teachers in order to be an advocate for

my children and a support to the teachers; so I applied for the job as an assistant finance secretary, and haven't looked back!

"I have loved my years working at SHS, so it was a difficult decision to retire. I have felt needed, appreciated, and I really love the work I was involved in. I love the people I have worked with over the years and have gained some wonderful friends! I've also been able to get to know my children's friends and other students, which continues to be a joy as I meet them in random places as I go about my daily life. I've been able to get to know amazing teachers who have done so much to help my children and all their students. I've seen their genuine concern and the sacrifices they give to their profession. I've worked with several administrations and have such a great respect for all they give to help students and teachers succeed.

"The next few months will be a challenge as I find worthwhile things to fill my time – I'm told it will be easy! I look forward to being with my five children and four grandsons (with 1 granddaughter to arrive in June), traveling adventures with my husband, a little more exercise (ha ha), and maybe the elementary will welcome back a volunteer to read with their little ones. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES!" >>>



Brad Stone

Campus Supervisor – Spanish Fork High
15 years of service in Nebo School District

“ The last 15 years working at SFHS have been exciting, rewarding, and life changing. There have been many new friendships established with faculty, staff, and students. There have been fun, rewarding activities I’ve been fortunate to have been a part of, and hopefully contributed to in a meaningful way. If you want or need excitement, there’s always plenty to go around.

“I would like to thank Principal McKee for giving me this opportunity to once again be part of the SF Dons family – many years ago as a student, and again as an employee.” >>>

NataLei Terry

School Counselor – Springville High
21 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I began my career in Nebo district at the Diamond Fork Middle school in 1997, back when it was called the Spanish Fork Middle school. I worked as a part time secretary in the Counseling Office for seven years. I loved my job there and the people I worked with. Stephanie



Killpack, Jeff Cook, and Ross Harrison encouraged me to pursue my desire to become a counselor. I wouldn't have made the leap without their help and support. I began my Counseling Internship at Payson High School and Payson Junior High. Everyone at those schools was extremely warm and welcoming. I will always be grateful to Julie Carlisle, Lynn Mecham, Joy Benson, Craig Wright, and Danny Lundell for their support, encouragement, and instruction. They got me ready for my next leap to Springville High, where I worked for 18 years.

"I have worked with many wise and wonderful fellow counselors, teachers, administrators, and support staff at Springville High – too many to name, and I have learned a lot from them. However, my favorite part of being a counselor has been working with the students. I always enjoy my interactions with them. I will forever be grateful for finding my home away from home here in Nebo District. There is nowhere else I would rather have been." >>>

Janean Thomas

Teacher – Payson High

23 years of service in Nebo School District

"I had fabulous Junior High and High School Home Economic teachers. There were three that stand out in my mind. These ladies made me want to be like them. They were smart in their subjects and kind to the students. I attended and graduated from USU and loved the program there. I have had numerous teacher friends who have helped me with my subjects, student problems, and computer skills. When I started teaching at Nebo in 2000,



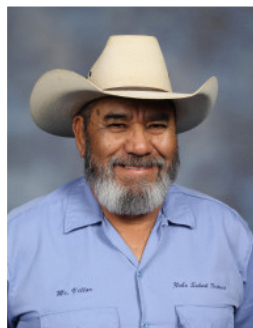
I had never used a computer to grade, do attendance, or teach. I've learned a lot since then. I was the cheer coach at PHS for five years and that experience gave me many good memories, stress, and friends.

"I will miss the students and their conversations. I love listening to them talk. The students have taught me many new phrases and meaning to weird words! I will miss my teacher friends and our great experiences. I will enjoy my own scheduled time and going on a trip without making lesson plans.

"Thank you Nebo School District. I have enjoyed the ride." >>>

Hugo Villar

Head Custodian – Valley View Middle
17 years of service in Nebo School District



James Walker

Bus Driver – Transportation
12.5 years of service in Nebo School District and 1 in another district

"**W**hen people ask me 'What do you do for a living?' I tell them I am involved with the gathering and scattering

of Israel. In the morning, I gather them together and take them to school. In the afternoon, I pick them up at school and scatter them all over the place. I am a bus driver.

“Since I walk for insurance purposes, I told the students that when I get close to 1,000,000 steps, I would celebrate by leaving the bus at the compound, and I would run the route. All the students could run behind me. Suddenly it went dead quiet. I looked at the students in the mirror, and they were all looking at me. To soothe their concerns, I said ‘Oh, don’t worry, I’m not asking you to run 1,000,000 steps with me... only from your stop to the school.’ It was still dead quiet. Then I confessed to the students, ‘Ok, if I didn’t drive the bus, the school district would not pay me for driving.’ I’ll settle for a cheer after I complete 1,000,000 steps.” >>>

Leslie Walker

Teacher – Springville High

20 years of service in Nebo School District

“ I started singing in choirs when I was 8 years old, and there has hardly been a year when I haven’t sung in some ensemble or another. My first bachelor’s degree is in Elementary Education which eventually led me to start children’s choirs in the areas where I lived. I didn’t really envision myself teaching choirs in the public schools. But when I went back to school to work on a master’s degree in vocal performance, I realized that I need to be teaching large groups, rather than be stuck in a studio teaching private voice lessons. Teaching junior high and high school students to love singing in choirs has been a highlight of my life! My hope was always that my students



would continue to sing for their entire lives, and it has been a joy to watch many of them do just that. Two of my former students are music teachers here at Nebo School District! I have loved many of my administrators: some have been a bit of a trial, but for the most part, they have really let me 'do my thing' and encouraged me along the way. And, I have many colleagues who have encouraged and commiserated with me over the years. Special thanks to my wonderful husband, who has attended almost every concert and musical theater performance and has encouraged me with his enthusiastic praise!" >>>



Linda Walter

Teacher – Payson High

39 years of service in Nebo School District

"I started teaching (and loving it) as a single parent of eight small children after completing my degree at Weber State University in Ogden. I went to school fast and furious finishing my degree in 18 months (including my student teaching). Teaching at Payson High was my dream come true. Most of my building principals have been very supportive of my policy that allows students to make up late work without penalty. Learning is the objective for students.

"I met my current husband at a Parent Conference when I taught his oldest daughter. We married in February of my first year making our children count 14. Teaching was my passion, and I loved what I was doing and took no time out for the wild and wonderful life.

"I am very proud to be the mother of three teachers. Rochelle teaches physics and mathematics. Tracy just finished her PHD and will be at Maple Mountain High teaching chemistry, concurrent chemistry, and astronomy. Christopher is in Salt Lake School District and teaches chemistry, physics, and computer science. These are three of my most proud moments. I also am proud of the doctors, dentists, teachers, chemists, and the careers of my many students." >>>

Carey White

Teacher – Springville High

33 years of service in Nebo School District



"I've loved every minute of being a teacher in Nebo School District. I've always been proud of my profession and Nebo School District. Coming to school each day has never been a 'job,' but a career that I love—a place to share learning and new ideas. My students learn from me, and I learn from them.

"I'm so grateful for all the many amazing students, parents, colleagues, and administrators who have supported me over the years and who have attributed to my success in my classroom and in my personal life.

"Over the years, I run into former Springville High students who are now adults. These Nebo graduates are successful and happy. I'm grateful that I had a small part in helping them achieve their potential and dreams." >>>

Becky Whiting

Child Nutrition Transport – Goshen Elementary

20 years of service in Nebo School District



“**B**est job ever! Loved everything about my job! Loved the kids and all the many co-workers. Looking forward to this new chapter with lots of traveling with friends and family.” >>>



Sylvia Williams

Media Technician – Hobble Creek Elementary

20 years of service in Nebo School District

“**I** have had the pleasure of working for Nebo School District as a Media Technician at Hobble Creek Elementary. I have enjoyed the students and introducing them to many wonderful books. I have enjoyed working with the fantastic staff at Hobble Creek and the principals Garth Bird, Michael Johnson, and Mike Sorensen.” >>>

Michael Wing

Head Custodian – Landmark High

24 years of service in Nebo School District



*you can't
Retire
from being
Awesome!*

Gather the rays from a hundred sunsets;
Catch the spray of an ocean tide;
Fill your head with the smell of roses,
Fresh and wild on the countryside.

Hold a crystal drop of rain
And a frilly flake of falling snow;
Grasp the lulling summer breezes
And the evening stars that hang so low.

Remember the peace of a happy daydream;
Capture the warmth of a friendly smile;
Feel the lift of a word of praise,
And find the joy of the second mile.

Then put into storage your grand collection—
Deep in your heart, where no one can see;
And engrave forever there the thought
That the very best in life is free.



Don't let yesterday take
up too much of today.

— Will Rogers



Because of you a child will feel loved.

Because of you a child will believe they can reach the stars above.

Because of you a child will find laughter and smiles.

Because of you a child will feel worthwhile.

Because of you a child will learn to love and not fight.

Because of you a child will want to read every night.

Because of you a child will learn patience when someone is driving them crazy.

Because of you a child will learn the value of work and not be lazy.

Because of you a child will find comfort in loving arms.

Because of you a child will be safe from words and hands that harm.

Because of you a child will learn as they "play".

Because of you a child will make a difference along life's way.

Because of you a child's life will be forever touched in ways you may never see.

Because God uses YOU to help them become the person He wants them to be!



You are never too old
to set another goal
or to dream a new dream.

— C. S. Lewis