



Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium

Meeting Our Education Commitments

Building bridges, not walls, Bruckner fills the MOEC Executive Director position aimed at fostering

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Dr. Martha Bruckner has “walked the walk” in her 45-year educational career, making her the perfect candidate to serve as the Executive Director for the Metropolitan Omaha Educational Consortium.

Throughout Bruckner’s colorful career, she has held many positions in education, such as a high school English teacher.

“I had some excellent teachers who were wonderful role models to me, and when I saw the care and support they gave, I wanted to do similar good work for others.”

Bruckner enjoyed working with students who were struggling and helping them see they could be successful while also celebrating their accomplishments.

Bruckner has served in a plethora of administrative positions as well, such as an assistant principal, principal, assistant superintendent, superintendent, and professor for the Department of Education Administration at the University of Nebraska at Omaha.



“As a teacher, I valued administrators who listened carefully and were most concerned about helping students succeed. I wanted to

be that kind of administrator.”

Bruckner said the MOEC Executive Director position sounded like something that would be meaningful and important.

“MOEC is important because the Omaha Metro is unique in the fact that there are so many different school districts,” Bruckner says. “It’s important to make sure we collaborate with each other, that we support each other, that we build bridges instead of walls.”

As executive director, Bruckner collaborates with MOEC’s Steering Committee to set goals and create workgroups that solve issues within the metro’s individual school districts.

“It can’t be about competing with each other; we shouldn’t be keeping any secrets,” Bruckner says. “If somebody figures out how to make something better, we should share it with our colleagues so that everybody gets a chance to make things better. I think that’s one of the best things MOEC can do.”

In the next three to five years, Bruckner hopes that MOEC will continue to be an important and respected collaborative force, supporting school districts and colleges to seek increased success for all students.

“It’s important that collaboration among community educational leaders is considered vital and effective.”

Bruckner says MOEC, along with educators alike, will shift focus back to educational improvement in time as they must first navigate uncertain territory regarding Covid-19.

“Students, teachers, and educational leaders have each had their paradigms of education changed drastically. As we learn more about remote or distance learning at the same time as we learn about combating an insidious virus,” Bruckner says, “we have sometimes reverted more to focusing on management rather than seeking improvement.”

Amidst a pandemic, Bruckner feels educational professionals will have learned some important lessons that will make the Omaha-metro schools better in the long-run.

Pre-pandemic, in her free time, Bruckner loved to travel and spend time with friends and family. Although the pandemic has restricted her options, Bruckner says it’s an extremely important piece of her life.