

**For Immediate Release:
Hudson School District, Director of Student
Services Named 2021 New Hampshire Special
Education Administrator of the Year**

**The New Hampshire Association of Special
Education Administrators (NHASEA) has
named Rachel Borge, Hudson School District
Director of Student Services as the 2021 NH
Special Education Administrator of the Year.**



“Rachel is a knowledgeable, spirited, caring, intelligent and resourceful leader with tremendous work ethic. She represents the families and educators of Hudson in an exemplary manner.”

-Lawrence Russell, Superintendent.

“Rachel has found a home in special education; a community that embraces her philosophy of commitment to hard work, dedication to doing what is best for all students and contributing to the future of special education in New Hampshire.”

-Sherryl Ripel, Out of District Coordinator.

Ms. Borge has served New Hampshire’s public schools for more than 20 years, most recently leading and overseeing all of the student services in SAU # 81, the Hudson School District. Prior to that, Rachel held leadership positions in Salem and Manchester School Districts. In all of her leadership roles, Rachel has been an advocate for public education and ensuring that those students with exceptional needs have many pathways to high quality, successful learning experiences. Rachel is regarded by her colleagues for developing comprehensive learning and networking opportunities and is known by families as being a collaborative partner committed to “all children” regardless of their challenges. The educational community of Hudson describes Rachel as demonstrating the highest professional standards when it comes to leadership in the school district, always working to build a lasting future for all of the children and youth of Hudson.

As an active member of the NH Association of Special Education Administrators (NHASEA), Rachel has worked tirelessly with her colleagues across the region and the State to help ensure sound decision making around important issues related to special education, including legislation, professional growth opportunities and most recently helping the Hudson School District and other educational communities to navigate the difficult decisions around learning during COVID-19. Jane Bergeron-Beaulieu, Executive Director of NHASEA notes that “This recognition is highly deserved. Rachel has a keen understanding of the complexity of the work of special education administrators. She leads with patience, humor, humility and certainly knows the intricacies of educational leadership.” It is truly an honor for NHASEA to recognize Rachel Borge as the 2021 Special Education Administrator of the Year.