

What the “newcomer” is looking for in a school district is one that has the anticipated growth to attract and sustain a healthy number of employees. Newcomers are concerned with what support factors the district has in place to ensure teacher success during the first year of their teaching experience. The final factor that newcomers are looking for is the opportunity to be involved in a school district that is actively engaged in offering employees opportunities for advancement.

I was drawn to Tooele due to the fact that it is a diverse community with a tremendous opportunity for growth. I am a secondary teacher and a coach that appreciates the fact that Tooele County School District is aggressively tackling the problems associated with overcrowding by building a new high school in Stansbury which is set to open in 2009, and making plans to build more high schools as the need increases.

I enjoy teaching at Tooele High School due to the high quality individuals I surround myself with on a daily basis. The new teacher mentoring program has allowed me the opportunity to learn creative, theory-based practices that helps to ensure my classroom runs efficiently. It also allows me the opportunity to partner with colleagues who are ready and eager to learn about new theories or practices that I bring to table. I also enjoy the opportunity to coach in a school district in which coaches are able to keep winning and losing in perspective, while at the same time instilling a passion for competition and excellence in student-athletes.

What keeps me in Tooele County School District is the personal growth I have observed in my first few months of teaching. I have been able to have a tremendous amount of success both inside the classroom and in the athletic arena. I have been surrounded with individuals who truly care about the well being of the students they interact with. But the most important reason I choose to stay in Tooele County School District is that I love waking up and coming to work.

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