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I love SJE...From the moment I walked into the school I knew this is where I was called to be. The teachers and staff are the most helpful and welcoming family.

We Go Above and Beyond...I taught in the Diocese of Gary for 11 years and I am very excited to continue my teaching journey at SJE. I served on various committees that are geared toward making our schools the best they can be, such as a reading committee and a school improvement plan committee.

Learning is Fun... I am very passionate about researching and putting into practice the idea that young children learn through play. I love center based hands-on activities in which the children can explore all areas of the curriculum in a fun and exciting way and at the same time are immersed in all of the skills they need to become successful learners.