

SWIFFT Project Team

Milwaukee Public Schools Staff



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Steven Wolf is a high school health and physical education teacher leader for Milwaukee Public Schools. Mr. Wolf has twenty years of high school teaching experience in MPS and has taught multiple types of physical education classes.



Chad Mickelson
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Chad Mickelson is a K–8 health and physical education teacher leader for Milwaukee Public Schools. Mr. Mickelson has twenty-three years of teaching experience in MPS. He is currently coaching eleven teachers in the district.



Roger Masarik
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Roger Masarik has thirty years of working in Milwaukee Public Schools: twenty-eight years as a physical education teacher at the elementary, middle, and high school levels and two years as the adaptive physical education specialist.



Bruce Dreyer
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Bruce Dreyer taught physical education, health, swimming, and adaptive physical education in Milwaukee Public Schools at the K–12 level for almost forty years. He served as a teacher mentor and was instrumental in writing and coordinating numerous grants that benefited both teachers and students. Mr. Dreyer strongly believes that students who enjoy physical education turn into adults who continue to make movement an integral part their healthy lifestyle. In retirement, he continues to serve his profession by assisting with the SWIFFT team.



Pamela Hansen
School Social Worker
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Pamela Hansen is a school social worker for Milwaukee Public Schools. She has worked for the district for over twenty-five years. Ms. Hansen is currently working with the MPS Violence Prevention Program, providing professional development and consultation to MPS staff with a focus on trauma-sensitive schools, social and emotional learning, mindfulness, and bullying prevention.



Carlos Rodriguez

Project Lead

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Carlos Rodriguez is the curriculum specialist for physical education and health in Milwaukee Public Schools. Mr. Rodriguez was a physical education teacher for fifteen years in the district before taking on the new role in September 2022. Mr. Rodriguez has a passion for working with students and wants to be a voice for the teachers.



Dr. Leslie Ruffalo

Lead Academic Partner

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Dr. Leslie Ruffalo is an associate professor in the Department of Family and Community Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin. As a researcher, she is eager to investigate public health issues that impact groups of people. Dr. Ruffalo has worked on research projects with Milwaukee Public Schools for nearly fifteen years.