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I started teaching with Flagstaff Public Schools in the Fall of 1970. I had previously done fieldwork with the District starting in the Fall of 1968. I graduated from Northern Arizona University in May of 1970. My degree was a Bachelors of Science to teach Physical Education and Health, K-12. In May of 1973 I received my Masters degree from NAU. I have taught for this District at all grade levels and have truly enjoyed my experience to the fullest. Having taught Flagstaff Junior High PE/Health and then transferring to Coconino High School in 1979 I have seen whole generations come and go. During my teaching experience I have coached several different sports but my loves were Volleyball and Varsity Track and Field.

After retiring, I couldn't stand not being around kids so I returned to teaching part-time. I found myself teaching Cooking and Physical Education at Flagstaff Middle School where my career had begun several years prior. When the committee to resurrect the Sexual Health Education Program came about, I volunteered to make a commitment to the program. After two years, I then applied to be the teacher for this program teaching grades 7, 9 and 11. I am so glad I have been given this opportunity to make a difference in young peoples' lives as well as to serve as a needed part for the health, welfare and safety of our community.

I have always enjoyed my teaching and coaching experiences, but I've found what I do with this program has indeed made an impact on students' lives. If I can be of further help to you or your student please feel free to contact me at esmith@fUSD1.org.