

Welcome Letter from Mrs. Dean!

I am very excited to introduce myself as the new School Social Worker for the Astoria and V.I.T. Schools. I can honestly say I could not be happier to be working with such an amazing group of staff, students and families!

To give you some background on myself, I grew up in the Chicago Suburbs and I received my undergraduate Social Work degree from Bradley University. I then continued my education at the University of Illinois at Chicago where I received my Master's Degree in School Social Work. In my free time, I enjoy hanging out with my family, watching movies, and playing with my wonderful dog, Willie.

This school year, I am looking forward to working with your children so they may achieve not only academic success, but positive, social and emotional growth as well. As the School Social Worker, I will assist in addressing social, emotional, or behavioral problems that affect students' school functioning and provide the social work services mandated by the Individualized Educational Plans of students receiving Special Education. I am also available to connect families with community resources and services, consult with staff, students and parents, provide classroom based interventions and prevention, run skills-based group work with students, and provide short-term individual counseling with students.

I am in the Astoria Schools Monday, Wednesday and Friday and in the V.I.T. Schools Tuesday and Thursday each week. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me anytime by email at kdean@wcisec.org or by calling and asking for me in the elementary school offices.

I am looking forward to meeting each of you, working with your students and to having a wonderful school year! Let's go Rebels!

Sincerely,

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