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# Mary Paradise *Special Education Administrator of the Year*



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## *About*

The New Hampshire Association of Special Education Administrators (NHASEA) is honored to present Mary Paradise as the Director of Student Services for the Merrimack Valley School District, SAU 46 as the 2023 Special Education Administrator of the Year. A panel of peers from the NHASEA selected Ms. Paradise as the Special Education Administrator of the Year due to her dynamic leadership skills, her passion for children and youth with exceptionalities, her impact upon school culture and student learning, and her support for the staff and colleagues that she works with. Mary is regarded by the Merrimack Valley School District as a team player, she is focused on equity for all children and is highly regarded by all stakeholders in the educational community. Mary's strengths include strong communication skills, professionalism, community involvement, and creativity in ensuring that the needs of students with exceptionalities are met. In addition to her work as a Special Education Administrator, Mary is actively involved in many local and statewide task forces, committees, initiatives, and has served on the Board of Directors for the NHASEA.

It is truly an honor to congratulate Mary Paradise for being named as new Hampshire's Special Education Administrator of the year 2023. Mary is a strong leader committed to the success of all children, especially those who are exceptional learners.