

NYKids COVID-19 & Remote Learning Interview with Julie Verdonik, Principal, Maple Grove Jr-Sr High School



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Interviewee: Julie Verdonik. Principal, Maple Grove Junior-Senior High School, Bemis Point, NY

Interviewers: Dr. Kristen Wilcox, NYKids Director of Research and Development and Dr. Aaron Leo, NYKids Post-Doctoral Fellow and Associate

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Description: In this interview, Julie Verdonik, Principal at Maple Grove Jr/Sr High School, a positive outlier school in Bemus Point, NY, shares insight into the ways her school and district have built upon prior district initiatives centered around the use of educational technology to develop a remote learning plan in response to COVID-19 school closures. The discussion explores the initial plan design, plan implementation, and the ongoing development of these efforts, including: reflections on experiences to date, strategies for addressing challenges, the use of technology to build virtual supports for students and teachers, and considerations for future needs and planning.