

Dear Perb Panelist,

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my experiences at Biddeford High School. I know your time is valuable, and I truly appreciate your support of early-career educators like myself.

I am a passionate and dedicated teacher committed to creating a positive and engaging learning environment—both in the classroom and throughout the school community. My journey to becoming a teacher is rooted in personal experience. As a student with special needs, I found school to be incredibly difficult and disheartening. It wasn't until my junior year of high school that everything changed. That year, I met Mr. Lovett—a teacher who not only believed in me, but who also took the time to truly support and understand me. His belief in my potential helped me realize what I was capable of, and it changed the course of my life. That experience is the foundation of why I teach: to help students who may not yet believe in themselves recognize the greatness they hold within.

I am particularly passionate about teaching history and fostering a learning environment that promotes curiosity, empathy, and critical thinking. I believe that a strong understanding of the past empowers students to analyze the present and become thoughtful, informed citizens of the world. At Biddeford High School, I've had the privilege of working with an outstanding mentor who has guided me in developing effective classroom management strategies, building meaningful relationships, designing inclusive curriculum, and integrating multilingual learners and students with special needs into the classroom.

Beyond the classroom, I am committed to supporting school-wide initiatives and extracurricular activities, including special education, coaching, and community events. One of my personal

passions is supporting veterans, and I incorporate that respect and gratitude into my teaching whenever possible. I've been fortunate to learn from incredible educators throughout my life, and I strive every day to be that same kind of role model and mentor for my students.

Thank you again for this opportunity. I look forward to meeting you on May 9!

**Sincerely,**

Evan M. Brown