

# Jessica Strom



## Current Position:

9-12 Mathematics Teacher

## Education:

- BS - Mathematics 2003 from U of M, Morris
- MS - Mathematics 2009 from BSU

## Goals as MCTM President:

MCTM has had a major impact on my teaching career. The things I have learned from the conferences, book studies, and networking have transformed my classroom. During my years on the board, I was inspired by the collaboration, efficiency, and dedication by everyone on the board. As a teacher in outstate MN, I have helped and watched MCTM work to reach all parts of the state.

With these things in mind, my goals as MCTM President would be

- 1) To continue and progress the work MCTM has been doing in helping teachers implement the new MN Standards

# Mark Nechanicky



## Current Position:

4th grade teacher  
Lakeview Elementary, Albert Lea Public Schools

## Education:

- B.A. Physics, Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, MN
- M.S. Materials Science and Engineering, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor
- M.A. Elementary Education, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor

## Goals as MCTM President:

As president, my goal is to advance math education in Minnesota by supporting and empowering teachers, connecting colleagues to one another and to effective instructional resources to strengthen teaching, increase student engagement, and promote equity for all learners. As a first-generation college graduate, I know that a strong math education was key to my own pathway, and as educators, we have a

- 2) To continue to work with intention and purpose in the programming and conferences offered through MCTM
- 3) To continue to find ways to reach and support teachers in all parts of the state and all levels of the education system

### **Professional Affiliations:**

MCTM and NCTM

### **Involvement with MCTM and Mathematics Education:**

- MCTM High School Task Force member 2025
- MCA Test Specifications Committee 2023
- MCTM HS VP 2020-2023
- MCTM Region 7 Director 2017-2020
- MCTM Spring Conference Presenter since 2017
- Educational Consulting since 2017

responsibility to support each other and open pathways for our students.

### **Professional Affiliations:**

MCTM and CSTA

### **Involvement with MCTM and Mathematics Education:**

Current Region 1 Director for MCTM and a member of both the 2022 MN Math Standards and the 2022 Math Standards MCA Test Specification Committees. After five years in industry as an automotive electrical design engineer in Detroit, I am now in my 21st year of teaching, most of those in 4th grade in my rural Southern Minnesota hometown of Albert Lea, with one year teaching math grades 6–8 in Michigan and two years teaching 6th grade in Minnesota, and serve as a 5th Grade Math Masters coach. I have presented at regional, state and one national conferences since 2017, including STEM Forward in Rochester, The Works and Code Savvy in Minneapolis, MCTM, and CSTA in Las Vegas.