

# Meet the Staff

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### Indistar Specialist

Maureen M. Mirabito serves as a consultant to the **Academic Development Institute**, for which she wrote and co-developed *Indicators in Action*, a series of online, video-based professional development courses. She wrote, directed, narrated, and co-produced *Indistar, The Video* and is co-creator of IndistarConnect, an online professional community that enables school-level educators throughout the country to share ideas.

Ms. Mirabito also is the architect of the Maryland State Department of Education's The Breakthrough Center, which coordinates and brokers supports and services to Maryland's low-achieving districts and schools. As a consultant, she continues to guide and support the work of The Breakthrough Center, most recently developing a 2-day academy on the topic of "turnaround leadership" for principals of Maryland's lowest performing schools.

Prior to her work at the national and state levels, Ms. Mirabito served as the special assistant to the superintendent of the Howard County, Maryland, Public School System, spearheading policy development, the district's strategic planning efforts, and innovative ways provide support and services to low-achieving schools. In New York state, she coordinated planning and development for the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) for the rural Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego counties. While with BOCES, she witnessed the impact of interdistrict cooperation in areas with limited resources, cooperation that provided critical programs for children and teachers. Prior to her entry into education, Maureen worked for IBM in human resources.

Ms. Mirabito received a master's degree in education and instructional design from Syracuse University and a bachelor's degree in English literature from Binghamton University. While at Syracuse, she worked in the School of Education's Office of Professional Development, conducting program evaluations for districts, schools, and educational agencies throughout New York State. She also wrote and edited for the School of Education newsletter.

Among her many talents, Maureen is great at writing resumes and bios for other people. She also has a knack for counseling others in career advice. She was attacked by a Great Horned Owl on an early morning run. Maureen lives in Howard County, Maryland, with her husband and four (very) small children.