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Mary E. M. Lee is an Educational Facilities Planner for the School District of Philadelphia, the largest school district in Pennsylvania and the 19th largest in the nation with 250 schools and approximately 138,000 students.

Ms. Lee began her professional career as a Reading Specialist, in a residential high school for special needs students. Shortly thereafter, she came to the School District of Philadelphia as a Reading Specialist for elementary aged students. In addition to being a Reading Specialist, Ms. Lee has served in several capacities including Grade Teacher, Community Coordinator, Post-Secondary Readiness Coordinator and Lead Academic Coach.

In 2003, Ms. Lee joined the District's Office of Capital Projects, which was embarking on a \$1.8B Capital Improvement Program. As an Educational Facilities Planner in the Grade and Space Planning Division, Ms. Lee brought her educational knowledge and experience to each project and continues to be an active participant at every stage, from design to occupancy. She has been involved in over 40 projects, which includes new construction, renovations and additions. In addition, using the District's Facilities Master Plan and supplemental information as guidance, Ms. Lee interfaces with various offices and school members to consolidate, relocate, reorganize grade structure, close or plan new schools.

Ms. Lee holds Bachelors of Arts and Master of Education degrees from Arcadia University and a Principal's Certification from Cheyney University of Pennsylvania. Seeing a smiling face, an engaged learner, involved staff and community members within a welcoming, safe, healthy, 21st century learning environment that she has touched, brings professional satisfaction to Ms. Lee.