**Connie Lalonde Bio**

My BS was not in education, but in the field of human services. I worked a few years in that area and then  earned my MS in elementary education. When Plattsburgh Air Force Base closed and I was laid off.  I took the opportunity to finish my school counseling degree (CAS).

I Spent the entirety of my 25-year education career in the Peru Central School District. I taught two years in first grade and many years in second grade. I also taught AIS math for nine years and provided school counseling for two years.  I served on numerous committees over my career and was our districts’ peer mentoring program coordinator.

From the outset of my career, I was very involved with our local teachers’ union. I served as building representative, vice president, local representative to national conventions and served on three negotiations teams.

As a member of RenyNez, I have filled the roles of community service coordinator, past and present. I also served as co-president with Cheryl Dodds. I am currently serving on the RENY 2024 convention committee.