

New Dimensions Welcomes New Director

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MORGANTON — Joe Slowinski is all about kids.

His love for children pulled him all the way from his home in New Hampshire to the New Dimensions School in Morganton.

Slowinski took over as the school's director May 30.

New Dimensions School is the county's only public charter school.

The school currently has two locations. The main building is located on East Union Street. Classes are also stationed in New Hope in Christ Church on

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Bouchelle Street.

Slowinski saw the school advertising for the job online.

Though North Carolina was

far from home, Slowinski said he couldn't turn the job down.

"The school's mission, plain and simple, is what brought me here," Slowinski said. "I've been seeking an environment where my (educational) philosophies could be recognized."

Slowinski believes learning is living.

He said if educators focus on each child's strengths, and help the student learn by facilitating their strengths, the child will be a successful student.

"Ultimately in the end, you have students who love to learn

and grow," Slowinski said.

Slowinski already has several hands-on activities planned for the students this year. Those include setting up an observation site for birds and a weather center.

Before school starts, Slowinski plans on meeting with each student's parents.

"My goal is to help the school become the best school in the world," Slowinski said.

Slowinski has been involved with education for about 12 years.

Slowinski, who was born in Japan, is well traveled.

In addition to New Hampshire, Slowinski taught in places like California and England.

He was the director of stu-

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Joe Slowinski sits in his office at the New Dimensions School on East Concord Street. Slowinski was recently named the school's director.

dent services in Littleton N.H.

He was also the principal at a K-12 school, Vinalhaven, in Maine. It was the island's largest school.

In California, he was the director of technology at the Chadwick School.

Slowinski's history in education impressed the school's board of directors.

"We are constantly looking to raise the bar," said Carol Trivette, the board's chairperson.

"I found him really fast," she said. "He was one of the earliest people to apply for the position and really quickly I felt like the match was so right."

Slowinski is replacing the school's former director, Angela Deal, who left the school earlier this month.