

OWEN BONDONO

Region 9 and Michigan Teacher of the Year

OAK PARK H.S. 9TH GRADE LEARNING COMMUNITY



BIO

Owen Bondono comes from a family of educators and joined the profession as his second career. A true grow-your-own story, Owen first worked for five years as paraprofessional, substitute teacher, summer school teacher and ELA testing coordinator while earning his teaching certificate. He's since spent five years leading a classroom at both the middle and high school level, and currently teaches 9th grade English Language Arts. As the faculty advisor for his school's Queer-Straight Alliance (QSA), Owen works to advocate for all students and ensure that school is a safe, productive place for them. Owen has led training and organization within his building to improve climate and culture surrounding issues of equality and is a facilitator for LGBTQ Student Safe Spaces. He is also a member of the Anti-Racist Leadership Institute and Resource Coordination Team (MTSS). Owen has served on the Superintendent's Advisory Committee and the Activities Committee. Outside of school, he volunteers for the national literacy organization, for National Novel Writing Month as a Metro Detroit municipal liaison and has edited several locally produced plays.



2020-2021



LOCATION

Oak Park
Oak Park Schools

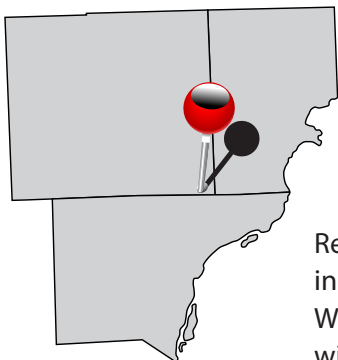
CERTIFICATIONS & ENDORSEMENTS

Secondary Education
English (6-12)
ESL (6-12)

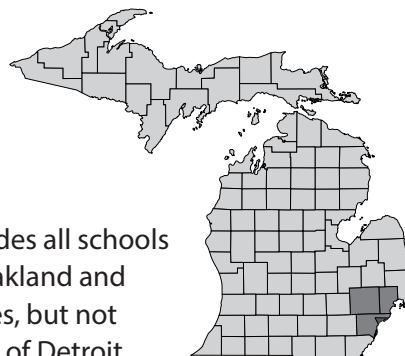
EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science
English Secondary Education
Wayne State University

REGION 9



Region 9 includes all schools in Macomb, Oakland and Wayne counties, but not within the City of Detroit.



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