**Marci Schutrum**

**Central Region Director 2021-2023**

My name is Marci Schutrum and I just finished my 18th year as a School Psychologist. I began my career as an educational counselor and when my family was transferred to Ohio. I was no longer able to practice in that capacity due to state requirements and I turned my interest to School Psychology after having had the opportunity to work alongside one that was exemplary. I graduated from the University of Toledo in 2003 and my family moved back to New York where I began practicing in a primary and elementary school setting. During my three years of practice, I became very involved with the Western New York Association of School Psychologist’s and served on the Board for two years. As a new practitioner, I loved the opportunity to be involved with deeply passionate and driven School Psychologist’s. My family was transferred to Arizona in 2006 and I have practiced within the preschool, elementary, middle and high school since then. Each one of these settings has allowed me to grow as a School Psychologist and challenge myself to practice within the domains of NASP. Having been in the counseling field prior to becoming a School Psychologist, I have always advocated for and actively sought counseling in my role. Whle in Arizona, I have also been in leadership positions within several of my positions, including serving as an Assistant Director of Special Education. These leadership positions have developed a passion for training and teaching, which I hope to further explore as I continue my journey as a School Psychologist. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve as a Regional Director for AASP and to further share my experiences, passion and desire to advocate for us as School Psychologists.