

## Biographies:

**Taylor Thomas** has been an itinerant teacher of Deaf/Hard of Hearing learners for the past six years with Intermediate School District 917 (ISD 917). Taylor works with students from kindergarten through high school. Over the last two years, Taylor has worked with school districts to increase their use of closed captioned media in the classroom. Taylor is a member of ISD 917's Assistive Technology Committee as well as a Co-Coach for the Region 11 Metro ECSU D/HH Community of Practice. Taylor has created numerous inservices and simulations to demonstrate the needs for accessible media. She is extremely passionate about incorporating accessible technology into instruction.

**Erik Queen** has worked at Metro Deaf School for the past 12 years, teaching children from Kindergarten to 12th grade. He currently serves as the school's technology integration specialist and technology teacher. Erik oversaw the successful implementation of Google into the classroom, and continues to explore and incorporate web based tools into the classroom experience. He is passionate about utilizing tools that allow Deaf children learn and communicate in a visual language, ASL.