



### **Cindy Sholtys-Cromwell's Professional Bio:**

Cindy Sholtys-Cromwell was born, raised, and started her educational career in Toppenish, Washington located on the Yakama Indian Reservation. For the last 23 years she has been an administrator with the Kelso School District in Kelso, Washington. Cindy has taught at the high school level, served as an Assistant Principal at Coweeman Middle School (grades 6-8) for seven years, served as Principal of Butler Acres Elementary (k-5) for 13 years, and is currently the principal of Loowit High School and Kelso Virtual Academy (k-12). She has been recognized as a National Association of Secondary School Principals 2021 National Digital Principal of the Year.

In the summer of 2020 as Cindy was transitioning into her roll at Kelso Virtual Academy the enrollment grew from approximately 30 students in grades 9-12 to over 1000 students in a new kindergarten through twelfth grade program.

Cindy earned her Associates of Arts Degree from Yakima Valley Community College. She holds a Bachelors of Science Degree from Central Washington University, and a Masters in Education from Heritage University.

Cindy creates a monthly newsletter entitled "School Celebration Newsletter" that provides principals with quick and easy ways to enhance their school climate. This newsletter is shared throughout the world each month and each edition is viewed by an average of over 3000 educators.

Cindy loves spending time with her family. She is a mom of two teenagers who keep her very busy. Her daughter, Kenzington, is a freshman at Lower Columbia College and son, Cooper, is a sophomore at Kelso High School. She has been married for over 23 years to the love of her life, Leszek.