

Phyllis Pederson served District 87 as a 1st grade teacher at Sheridan Elementary School from 1985-2009. Phyllis' leadership strength rests in her ability to make connections with people, whether it is with children, colleagues, or individuals in the school community. She has served on many Sheridan and District 87 committees and task forces. Phyllis wrote and was awarded many "Beyond the Books" grants that benefited 1st graders and the entire Sheridan population. Phyllis has had a remarkable influence on Sheridan School. Phyllis' many recognitions include Illinois State Board of Education's "Those Who Excel" award of meritorious service. Phyllis applied to be the first teacher in space.