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## A Learning Experience that Changed Me:

The summer after my sophomore year of college I helped start a fruit and vegetable farm in New Hampshire. This began a 5 year journey into biology, ecology, land stewardship, small business economics and food politics. I learned to appreciate the value of my education as reading skills and core content knowledge was essential for constant learning in so many different areas. I learned the value of relationships and accountability- as you will make big mistakes while learning anything. I learned the value of friends, family, neighbors and community no matter how smart, hardworking and independent you think you are. Most importantly, I learned that you can question assumptions, challenge cultural expectations and live your values in amazing ways.

## My Favorite Book:

Les Miserables by Victor Hugo

## My Hobbies and Interests:

Doing anything with my wife, Hanna, and 2 boys, Bjorn and Vasa, building and selling furniture for kids and adults, running, reading, cross-country skiing, camping.

## Prior Experience in Education:

This is my 13<sup>th</sup> year in education and 5<sup>th</sup> with DSST: Byers. I began my career in education in Expeditionary Learning Schools. I've taught 6<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> grade Science and was the Principal of Venture Prep Middle School from Fall of 2012- Spring of 2015.

## Something Super-Unique About Me:

I met my wife in the middle of a field, on a small island, in the Penobscot Bay of Maine, on my last job as a carpenter before becoming a teacher.

## Why I am Excited About Working at DSST:

DSST is an incredible combination of values, focus, humility and joy.