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CAMDEN COUNTY
JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

FOR DEMONSTRATION OF EXCELLENCE
AS AN EDUCATOR AND FOR CREATING AN
ENVIRONMENT THAT IMPROVES STUDENTS'
ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES, WORKFORCE
PREPAREDNESS AND OVERALL QUALITY OF LIFE

Jeff Wenzel
Teacher of Mathematics
Camden County Juvenile Detention Center

Mr. Wenzel is a native of South Jersey and a graduate of Colby College in Waterville, ME, with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. A math and science teacher with more than twenty years of experience, he began his career at the Charles Smith Jewish Day School in Rockville, MD. After returning to the Philadelphia area, he taught at the Kohelet Yeshiva High School in Lower Merion, PA, where he was the Mathematics Department Head and mentor to novice teachers. Acting on a commitment to serve those in need, Mr. Wenzel has spent the last fourteen years teaching mathematics at the Camden County Juvenile Detention Center. He has earned academic and professional accolades at every stage of his life, but none compare to playing a role - however small - in the success of his students. Mr. Wenzel has been married to his wife, Tracey, for nineteen years and is an active member of Christ Episcopal Church in Woodbury where he serves as a Liturgical Leader and previously as an executive committee member.