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Maria has been sharing her love of reading for over 30 years in the middle school classroom! She currently teaches at Elwood Middle School in East Northport, New York. Since graduating from Teachers College Columbia University in 1993, she has been fostering the Reading Workshop approach. Through the years, she has cultivated a vibrant reading community and created an eclectic classroom lending library. Her classroom is a literary oasis, encouraging her students to find just the right book and pay it forward. Students self-select books and create their own evolving Book Club groups. If there is a “want,” there is a way! Mrs. Trucios will track it down and find a way to put that book in her students’ hands. Her “It’s a Wonderful Classroom” initiative has inspired many bell ringers. Every time a student finishes a book, a bell rings in Room 204.