



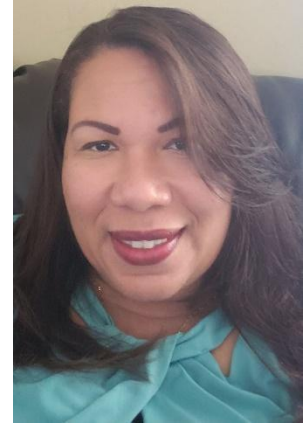
**FAIRFIELD
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Please join me in welcoming Ms. Digna A. Marte as the Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) for the Fairfield Public Schools. Ms. Marte will begin her assignment on November 1, 2021.

Over a year ago, Fairfield Public Schools committed to addressing the greater DEI issues within our school system and becoming part of the solution. Since then, our equity work began in earnest and continues to be an integral part of our planning and action. In August 2021, we furthered this commitment by creating a new position to provide accountability, leadership and resources for district-wide DEI initiatives.



Ms. Marte will be instrumental in the district's long-range DEI planning and implementation. This includes serving as a coordinator and liaison between and among the Fairfield Public Schools and its staff, the town of Fairfield, and state and national agencies and organizations. She will provide leadership in systemic equity and instructional practice. Her primary role is to foster the academic and social/emotional growth of all students through the promotion of a culture of community, diversity and inclusion, and to address issues and opportunities of equity that impact student learning.

In speaking about her new role, Ms. Marte said, "Through the sharing of our stories we can bridge boundaries beyond our imagination. Therefore, every day is an opportunity to learn, grow, build new relationships and re-imagine our future!!!"

Ms. Marte joins FPS with significant school leadership experience. She is currently the principal of Bulkeley High School in Hartford, and served previously as Assistant Principal of James Hillhouse High School in New Haven and as Assistant Principal of the Junior Academy at the Luis Munoz Marin School in Bridgeport. Ms. Marte completed her undergraduate education at Syracuse University and went on to complete a master's degree in Regional Planning from the State University of New York at Albany, a master's degree in Divinity from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, New York,

and a master's degree in Business Administration from the University of Bridgeport, where she is also currently enrolled in the Educational Leadership Doctoral Program. Ms. Marte impressed the interview committee with her clear passion for ensuring student success. We are confident Ms. Marte will provide the strong leadership necessary in this profoundly critical role charged with enacting real and lasting changes for our district.

Prior to working in educational leadership, Ms. Marte was a world language teacher and first began her teaching career in Fairfield. We are delighted to have Ms. Marte back at FPS!