



Introduction of New Building Administrators

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Daniel Calderon, Instructional Leadership Executive Director

Danny began his career teaching Spanish at Rainier Beach High School in Seattle Public Schools. Most recently, he was the Principal at Cascade Middle School for the past five years. He has a bachelor's from Macalester College, a master's in education from the University of Washington and earned his administrator certificate in the Danforth program at University of Washington. He is most proud of the growth of the dual language program at Cascade over the past five years. In the 21/22 school year, the first cohort of Vietnamese DL students went to high school and in 22/23, ~60% of anticipated Cascade 6th graders will take Spanish or Vietnamese DL classes. In his downtime, he enjoys watching and playing soccer in the back yard with his daughter.

Sarah Talbot, Instructional Leadership Executive Director

Sarah began her career as High School English Teacher in Orting, WA. Most recently, she served as the Principal of Lowell Elementary School. She has a bachelors from The Evergreen State College and a masters from Seattle University. After teaching for 9 years, she earned her administrative certificate and doctorate in educational leadership from Seattle University. One accomplishment she is most proud of is building a team that supported Lowell's students and families through a year and half of online learning. Lowell's families were able to focus on academic growth through virtual learning while also building strong supports for basic needs. Outside of work she loves to garden and hang out with her dogs.

Jana Parker, Executive Director of Teaching, Learning and Leadership

Jana started her career earning her certification through an alternative route and started her first teaching position 25 years ago in a rural Missouri High School. Most recently, she served as Deputy Superintendent of Instructional Services for the Ferguson Florissant School District in St. Louis, MO. She has a bachelor's from Truman State University, a master's in education from Lindenwood University and an EdD from Saint Louis University, all of which are in Missouri. She is most proud of having had the opportunity to serve in districts consisting of a diverse group of students. She is committed to support ALL students learning at high levels. In her down time, she enjoys plants and travelling.

Natasha Richardson, Assistant Principal Highline High School

Natasha came to the field of education as an Army Veteran. She began her educational career with Tacoma Public Schools, as a Special Education Teacher. Most recently, she worked with Seattle Public Schools at Interagency Academy. She has a bachelors from Trenton State University, two masters from the University of Phoenix, earned her Educational Leadership Certificate from Western Washington University and is currently enrolled in the doctoral program at Liberty University. She is most proud of her work supporting students poorly served by the education system. Each year she takes pride in watching students that didn't believe they could graduate do it! Outside of work Natasha loves to travel!

Christina Fritsch, Assistant Principal White Center Heights Elementary

Christina started at McMicken Heights as a long-term Kindergarten substitute and was hired from there. Most recently she was the SEL Dean at Seahurst Elementary for the last three years. She has a bachelor's in education from Northwest University, a master's in education and earned her Administrative Leadership Certificate from Western Governors University. She is most proud of the relational and system work she did at Seahurst Elementary. In her downtime she is busy running around playing with her three children.