

Dear Viking Family,

I am Maha Fayad, a Dearborn Public Schools Alumni, resident, and a very proud educator and administrator. My wonderful husband and I have 4 amazing children ranging from ages 7-17.

My educational background and work experience coupled with my passion and commitment to teaching & coaching contributes to my goal of becoming an administrator. I earned my Bachelor of Science degree with a major in mathematics from the University of Michigan, and my master's in Educational Leadership from Wayne State University. Subsequently, I earned 21 credits in English as a Second Language (ESL).

I embarked on my educational journey as a paraprofessional at Lowrey elementary, as I was completing my bachelors degree. My passion for teaching grew more fiery and hence, I was hired at Stout Middle school for 17 years. There, I taught 6th, 7th and 8th grade advanced, regular, and intervention classes. These experiences exposed me to the 6-8th grade curriculum and built great relationships with staff, students and parents.

With my ESL background, I landed a position as an English Language Development (ELD) specialist in five buildings, Henry Ford Early college, Howe, ACE, Magnet, and STEM. This position taught me the importance of time management, staying organized and multitasking. Implementing different teaching models and then examining the outcome through students' data brought great fulfillment to myself and fellow educators. Organizing and presenting at parent meetings to encourage families to be actively involved in the educational process was rewarding. This job opportunity truly exhibited my leadership skills and demonstrated my ability to work well with others and create a team building environment.

In the past three years, I was a Middle School Math Instructional Coach (MSIC). As a MSIC, I worked alongside a remarkable team on building and district initiatives. Within my role as a coach in two buildings, Woodworth and Bryant, we were able to improve student outcomes and achievement and improved the PLC team effectiveness.

This past school year, I had the opportunity to take part in an administrative internship at Edsel Ford high school, Maples elementary, and Lowrey K-8, in which, I was able to shadow administrators and take part in many administrative initiatives.

These experiences have allowed me to work closely with all members of a school community. Open communication and transparency are some of my personal strengths. My continuous self reflection has allowed me to stay committed and driven by goals of fostering an engaging learning environment inclusive for all students and teachers.

I look forward to working with all the OL Smith community and creating a supportive atmosphere conducive to learning and growing.

Go Vikings!