

Dear Viking Community,

My name is Renee Garcia and I am excited and eager to be joining the staff and families at O.L. Smith Middle School as an Administrative Intern this semester. I am a proud alumni of Dearborn Public Schools, and am beginning my 11th year with the district. During my tenure with Dearborn Public Schools, I have completed my Masters of Education with a focus in Mathematics Curriculum and Leadership at the University of Michigan - Dearborn. I have also completed my Michigan Administrator Certification in March 2023 and have spent ample time interning with the administration team at Fordson High School.

I have been an Instructional Coach for the past two years and have worked with new and veteran teachers on best practices, utilizing resources and curriculum, developing the courage and confidence to try new things, and much more. Throughout my time with Dearborn Public Schools, I have also gained experience as a high school mathematics and robotics teacher. After the school day, I have found great joy in coaching various sports teams, such as swimming and softball, over the last ten years, and truly am a believer in participating in extracurricular activities.

As an educator, I provide students with a safe and welcoming environment in which they can flourish. I pride myself in the ability to form relationships with students such that they can tell that I care about them inside and out of the classroom. I express my own personal passion for education as a role model for students to engage in, and be passionate about learning. My goal as an educator and administrator is to encourage and guide students to becoming independent, hard working, productive members of our community.

I look forward to having the opportunity to learn from and work with the Viking family, and am excited to get to know all of you!

Happy School Year!