

Dear Parents and Community Members:

North Chicago is committed to improving the curriculum that we use to promote learning every day for our students. We have set an ambitious goal to improve all of our curricular materials in every classroom. This process will take time, energy, resources, and leadership to accomplish.

Yesenia Sánchez is the district's Chief Academic Officer, a new position for District 187. Hired in July of this year, Ms. Sánchez brings to District 187 years of experience with curriculum development and implementation. She has served as a teacher, bilingual facilitator, and director in districts across the region. In our district, she is responsible for curriculum in all areas, from PreK- 12th grade. It is an enormous responsibility - and incredibly important.

Ms. Sánchez is engaging principals and teachers to look at our curriculum and develop ways to improve it. She is providing training and support to the district's Instructional Specialists, and is coordinating the professional development for teachers on district institute days. In order to improve student learning, we have to focus on adult learning also. When teachers receive the support that they need, to use the best educational tools available, we can maximize student learning.

If you have comments or suggestions about the district curriculum, please reach out to the district office and ask to speak with Ms. Sánchez or me. We would be glad to talk with you and get your input.

I hope that you enjoy the holiday season.

Sincerely,

John P. Price
Superintendent