



## **Anita Hernandez Approved as New Principal of Oakland Elementary School**

April 18, 2023

Antioch CCSD 34 is pleased to announce that at the April 18, 2023 Board of Education meeting, Mrs. Anita Hernandez was approved as the new Principal of Oakland Elementary School, effective July 1, 2023.

Mrs. Hernandez has served as the Principal of Franz Peter Schubert Elementary School within Chicago Public Schools (CPS) for the last five years. While in this role, Mrs. Hernandez worked to maximize student and teacher performance, increase family engagement, and formed community partnerships with the Jonathan Towes Foundation, Wells Fargo, and the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, amongst others. She is a strong advocate for the use of data to inform instructional decision-making and has experience providing quality professional development and support to staff.

Prior to her principalship at Franz Peter Schubert Elementary School, Mrs. Hernandez was an Assistant and Resident Principal for two years at Chicago Public Schools' Frederico G. Lorca Elementary School. Her time was spent supporting and implementing the school's improvement plan and vision, as well as helping to create a 21st century personalized learning environment. Prior to becoming an administrator, Mrs. Hernandez served as a bilingual and middle school science teacher.

Mrs. Hernandez earned her Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago. She earned her Masters degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Concordia University in River Forest, Illinois and received her administrative endorsement through the Aspiring Principal and Emerging Leaders Program in Chicago.

Born in Poland, Mrs. Hernandez immigrated to the United States in the 1990s with her parents and siblings. She recently moved to Lake Villa with her husband and son, Alex, who is a junior in high school. Her daughter, Julia, is a recent college graduate and is currently living in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mrs. Hernandez enjoys traveling, taking walks, listening to music and attending concerts and comedy shows. She is excited to be joining Antioch CCSD 34 and is looking forward to meeting the students and families of Oakland Elementary School and beginning her new role as Principal!