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Dear Parents and Guardians,

With great pride and enthusiasm, I introduce myself as the new principal of Columbus Bilingual Central. My name is Maria Garcia, and over the past 11 years, I've had the privilege of serving in diverse roles across the educational system—including proctor, science teacher, and program coordinator. My journey in education began in an unexpected place: teaching life skills to juveniles as a correctional officer. That experience sparked a deep and lasting passion for empowering young minds, which continues to guide my work today.

As an educational leader, I firmly believe that a collaborative learning environment—built on trust, high expectations, and strong relationships—is the foundation for both academic and social growth. My top priority will always be the safety and well-being of our students and staff. Looking ahead to the 2025–2026 school year, I am committed to expanding student programs and services, while supporting our teachers and enriching the educational experience for every child.

I also believe that our greatest strength lies in partnership. True success only happens when schools, families, and communities work hand-in-hand. I am excited to join you on this journey, and I look forward to building lasting relationships as we work together to ensure a successful remainder of this school year—and many more to come.

Warm regards,

Maria Santana Garcia

School Principal

Columbus Bilingual Academy Central

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