

Dear Lakewood Community,

It is truly an honor to join Lakewood Elementary as your new Assistant Principal. I am excited to become part of a school community that values collaboration, growth, and meaningful learning for students.

During my career in education, I have served as a middle school science teacher at McDonald Middle School and as a district instructional coach in Mesquite ISD, supporting instruction across seven campuses at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

I have strengthened instruction through partnerships with administrators and educators by using data analysis, designing systems for planning and progress monitoring, and leading professional learning over personalized learning, building teacher capacity and student growth.

My journey in education has allowed me to lead campus initiatives, contribute to MTSS committees, and collaborate with teachers to design learning experiences that provide targeted supports for Special Education and Emergent Bilingual learners while engaging all students.

As a lifelong learner, I am passionate about fostering student-centered practices and believe strong progress happens when everyone on campus works collaboratively to support learning, belonging, and growth for every child.

In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and daughter, continuing to grow my baking skills (with mixed results so far!), and exploring national parks whenever we can.

I am grateful for the opportunity to join the Lakewood community and look forward to learning and growing together this year.

Sincerely,
Zulema Martinez

