



Modesto City School:

Wilson Elementary School

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Danyelle Gonzalez, Principal

Greetings, Staff and Families of Wilson Elementary School!

It is with great excitement that I write this letter of introduction as your new Principal of Wilson Elementary for the 2020-2021 school year! My name is Danyelle Gonzalez, and I come to you from Los Banos Elementary school, where I currently serve as the Assistant Principal. I was quite excited to learn that I was selected to lead Wilson Elementary, as I am a proud high school graduate from a Modesto City School, Thomas Downey High School. I have always considered Modesto to be my hometown. I am thrilled to be working with the Wilson and Modesto city community. I am anxiously waiting to meet all of you!

Next year will be my 21st year as an educator. I have served in many different capacities throughout my career, including being a paraprofessional for general education students and students with autism. I was a special education teacher serving various types of SDC students and taught at the elementary, middle school, and high school levels before entering administration as an assistant principal; a position I have held for the last five years. I am always searching for ways to grow as an educator and opportunities to refine my skills as an educational leader. I am currently completing my second year as a Doctoral candidate with Fresno State University.

I am a believer in lifelong learning and love that my job is in education. I often tell my students and families that I loved school so much that I decided I wanted to work in schools for the rest of my life! My professional objective and dedication to all of you are to create a positive and safe educational school community where students gain academic, social, and emotional skills that will prepare them for the next step of their educational journey. This is not just a statement I like to say, but my passion and dedication to our students, staff, and community.

As a parent myself (I have two adult-aged children, ages 23 and 25), I understand the importance of a strong home-school connection. Together we will ensure that all students are showing growth socially, emotionally, and academically. I believe that we all should enjoy every single day at school, even when there are challenges presented to us. I am fully committed to building a positive environment and working culture with all our staff, teachers, and parents to ensure the success of all of our Wilson Jaguars.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the role of Principal. My official first day as your Principal is not until July 1, 2020. However, I will be working with district and school site staff on my transition and will be setting up opportunities to meet our students, parents, and staff as we move closer to the start of school. I look forward to working with all of you and to an exciting 2020-2021 school year!

Sincerely,

Danyelle Gonzalez

Proud Principal of Wilson Elementary School

