



PARK RIDGE-NILES SCHOOL DISTRICT 64

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Dr. Lea Anne Frost, *Director of Student Services*

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Dear Families of District 64:

As we begin a new school year, I want to introduce our District 64 Student Services Administrative Team! This year, we are elated to have increased the number of special education coordinators from three to three and one-half in addition to the Assistant Director and Director of Student Services. The full team is honored to serve the District 64 community!

Let me introduce:

- Student Services Coordinator **Ms. Antonia (Toni) Galan** will return to District 64 and continue to serve Washington and Franklin schools.
- Joining District 64 in 2019-20 as a Student Services Coordinator is **Ms. Alyssa Finkel-Zommick**. Ms. Zommick had served one year as a special education coordinator in Huntley School District 158 and was a special education teacher for seven years prior in East Maine School District 63 and Kildeer-Countryside School District 96. Ms. Zommick will coordinate services part-time at Roosevelt School.
- **Ms. Elisa Leporini** will become part of the D64 family and serve as the student services coordinator for Field and Carpenter schools. Ms. Leporini has spent the last two years as an Assistant Director of Student Services in East Aurora School District 131. Previously, she held positions in Skokie-Morton Grove School District 69 as an Early Childhood Social Worker/Case Manager, Behavior Intervention Coach, and Assistant Principal.
- **Ms. Kristyn Bair** is also a new addition to the Student Services team. Ms. Bair has been an autism and behavior coach with the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO) for the last three years. She previously served as a school psychologist in Waukegan School District 60. Ms. Bair will be the middle school Student Services Coordinator.
- Newly appointed [Assistant Director Angela Phillips](#) was previously the Assistant Director for Special Education in North Chicago, the Division Chair of Special Education at Zion-Benton High School District, and an Assistant Principal within Deerfield School District as well as a special education teacher.

Lastly, I am delighted to be leading the department as the Director of Student Services for a second year. I have more than 30 years of experience in all facets of special education, ranging from my start as a special education teacher to rising levels of responsibility and complexity as a special education program supervisor and assistant superintendent before heading multi-district cooperatives.

The mission set by District 64 is to *Inspire every child to discover, learn, achieve, and care.* This mission is set for all students in District 64; the Student Services Department is committed to ensure this mission is first and foremost for all students. In addition, the Student Services Department is committed to being partners with parents and collaborating together to provide an appropriate educational program for each and every student.

We all look forward to the beginning of the school year and engaging all our students in a positive educational experience.

Making a difference for all students,

Lea Anne Frost, Ed. D