



**WEST BLOOMFIELD
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Dr. Dania Bazzi hired to lead The West Bloomfield School District as the next Superintendent

West Bloomfield, MI - On Monday, April 4, 2022, the West Bloomfield School Districts' (WBSD) Board of Education came to a united consensus regarding the terms of Dr. Dania Bazzi's contract to serve as the District's next Superintendent.

Dr. Dania Bazzi is a Public School Superintendent offering more than 15 years of progressive leadership experience in teaching, learning, and improving student success in diverse PreK-12 environments.

After obtaining her B.S. in Mathematics from The University of Michigan, Bazzi worked for Ford Motor Company as a Project Management Consultant. She decided to leave Ford to pursue her passion for mathematics and became a Math teacher at John Glenn High School. After five years in the classroom, her love for numbers led her to Jackson County ISD as a School Improvement Data Consultant. Bazzi loved her job at the ISD however, she missed working directly with a school district, as the impact was more visible. This led her to one of her most beloved positions, Director of Teaching & Learning, for Hamilton Community Schools. Shortly after, her desire to lead took her to Galesburg-Augusta Community Schools to serve as their Superintendent. She enjoyed her leadership role so much that after three years at the helm, she became the Superintendent for Ferndale Public Schools.

In her current role, she collaborates daily with District leaders in the Office of Academics and the Department of Business Operations to promote and advance the best instructional practices. She oversees and leads over 350 staff and five bargaining units. Bazzi has successfully developed an equity vision statement, strategic plan, and equity task force.

In addition to being the Michigan Association of Superintendents and Administrators (MASA) 2022 Superintendent of the Year, Bazzi won the *2019 Equity Innovator Award* from the Great Lakes Equity Center, the *2019 Innovative District Award* from the Int'l Center for Leadership in Education, and the *2020 Whole Child Award* from the Michigan ASCD.

Some of her achievement statistics include increasing resident and overall enrollment by 5% within two years, grew fund equity from 8% to 18% over three fiscal years and earned a “highly effective” top rating by the Board of Education for three consecutive years.

She holds an M.A. in Teaching, Mathematics, and Social Studies from the University of Michigan, an Educational Specialist degree in Curriculum and Instruction, and a Doctorate in Philosophy, Curriculum and Instruction from Wayne State University.

Dania is married to her husband Zach and together they have two boys Dan, who is ten years old, and Norman who is six years old.

Officially, Bazzi's start date is July 1, 2022 however, she will begin working with Team WB throughout the strategic planning process beginning with the Strategic Planning Retreat on April 9, 2022.

“I am extremely excited and humbled to join the West Bloomfield family,” stated Bazzi. “I am eager to work alongside the strong community of educators within the District. Thank you to President Brickman, the Board of Education, and the community for believing in me.”

WBSD is in the process of creating Dr. Bazzi’s transition plan. The District looks forward to introducing Bazzi to the students, staff, families, and the community soon. In the meantime, please help us welcome Dr. Bazzi to the West Bloomfield School District. For more information about the West Bloomfield School District, please visit www.wbsd.org.

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