



To: Dr. Charles Johns
Board of Education
From: Brad Swanson
Date: August 24, 2020
Re: Appointments: Certified

**Spanish Teacher, World Languages - GBN
Ms. Maria Paula Duran**

Degrees:

M.A., Secondary Education (Spanish), National Louis-University, Chicago, IL
M.Ed., Education, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia
B.A., Law, Universidad de los Andes, Bogotá, Colombia

Certifications:

Special Teacher (Standard, Foreign Language)

Professional Experience:

Most recently, Maria served as a Spanish Teacher at Regina Dominican High School. Some of her responsibilities include designing curriculum, teaching regular and honors level spanish courses, and mentoring new teachers in world language pedagogy and the use of technology in teaching. She is also responsible for increasing the percentage of students scoring 3 or above on the AP Spanish Language & Culture exam, surpassing the global percentage. In addition, Maria has been an AP Spanish Language and Culture reader for the College Board (Educational Testing Service) for the last three years.

Salary: \$87,415 (MA+30, Step I, 1.0 FTE)

Start Date: August 17, 2020