Priya Burkett  
Community Leader

Susana Cordova is a nationally recognized education leader who has devoted her entire professional life to serving children and families. She is a first-generation college graduate who deeply understands the power of education to change lives. Susana is a brilliant example to our students of how someone can lead in the city where they have grown up, and we appreciate what this means to the many who will be following in her footsteps.

Susana, currently the district’s deputy superintendent, is a DPS graduate who has spent her career in DPS classrooms as a bilingual secondary teacher, principal of a high-needs elementary school and administrator whose responsibilities now include direct supervision of all 165 district-run schools and an annual budget of more than $130 million.

Susana stated: “My school experiences prepared me for a world that my family had never stepped foot in and that I had only read about in books. I am committed to ensuring that all students in DPS have caring, knowledgeable adults who will support them as I was supported. Every one of our students has excellence in them, and it’s our job as educators to bring that excellence out.”

Susana’s focus on equity has led to improved literacy rates for all young learners across DPS and the transformation of services for students learning English.

We believe Susana is uniquely qualified to lead our school district effectively and inclusively. She brings deep roots in the community, extraordinary depth of knowledge of DPS, educational expertise, and she is widely known and respected by an expansive network of educators, parents and civic, community, philanthropic and business leaders.

Read Susana’s full bio and resume at supersearch.dpsk12.org