



Independence Academy

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Dear Independence Academy Charter School Families,

My name is Lisa Gonsalves and I am excited to introduce myself as the new Interim Executive Director of Independence Academy Charter School. This distinct opportunity of becoming a part of the IACS team will allow me to share my lifelong dedication and wealth of knowledge in the field of education. My vision is of flourishing achievement through student and teacher engagement in work that is challenging, adventurous, and meaningful. My mission is to create an environment where teachers can fulfill their highest ambitions and students achieve more than they think possible, becoming active contributors to building a better world.

Through my years in education, I have come to know what it means to pull together, think together, and push forward toward things bigger and better than we all thought possible. I am committed to raising and redefining the aspirations of the students, the staff, and the community here. Independence Academy Charter School is more than a place to work - it is the close-knit community where my hopes, passion, and spirit are expressed. I will work tirelessly toward the goal of creating positive change with students in the form of high quality student work, character-building, and mastery of skills and knowledge. I am devoted to the culture that is ingrained in this community and dedicated to shaping a cohesive vision focused on continuous improvement and student achievement.

I am thankful to have this opportunity and look forward to getting to know you and your children. Please feel free to stop by and say hello or you can email me at lisa.morelos@d51schools.org, or stop by at our back-to-school night on August 12, 4-6 pm.

I am looking forward to a wonderful and exciting school year!

Best regards,

Lisa Gonsalves (Morelos)