

Dr. Ivan Duran, a veteran of 26 years in public education, is deputy superintendent of the Dallas Independent School District (DISD). The school district serves approximately 160,000 students in pre-kindergarten through the 12th grade in 227 schools. In his role as deputy superintendent, Dr. Duran is responsible for all academic programs including Teaching and Learning, Special Education, Early Learning, Early College, and Personalized Learning. In addition, Dr. Duran oversees the Office of Transformation and Innovation, which has responsibility for growing the range of school options and programs so that all DISD students can attend a best-fit school. As deputy superintendent, Dr. Duran is responsible for over 500 staff members and manages an annual operating budget of over \$50 million dollars.

Prior to joining DISD, Dr. Duran served as assistant superintendent for elementary education for Denver Public Schools (DPS) where he led and supervised the system's Elementary Education Division comprised of more than 90 early childhood centers, elementary and K-8 schools. During his tenure, Dr. Duran focused on early literacy and data driven instruction - using formative and summative assessments to make the classroom adjustments necessary for all students to thrive. During this time, DPS' enrollment increased to over 90,000 students, an increase of over 25% since 2007. This growth, making it one of the fastest growing districts in the nation, was due to more high-quality seats being created for students and families. In 2015, when the state of Colorado transitioned to the Common-Core-aligned PAARC assessment, DPS elementary schools experienced significant increases in student proficiency under Dr. Duran's leadership. DPS elementary schools improved from the 19th percentile to the 42nd percentile in elementary English language arts and from the 19th percentile to the 49th percentile in elementary math.

At DPS, Dr. Duran also led the reorganization of the Elementary Education Division to ensure that all students were better served, including the successful turnaround of 6 persistently low performing schools. Central to Dr. Duran's success has been his ability to create structures and better opportunities for the continuous improvement and development of individual principal supervisors and the school leadership teams they support. Through this work, he built a very strong team of principal supervisors who were highly respected by the principals they led and, in turn, a very strong group of principals who were highly rated by their teachers. This work has been recognized nationally and featured in numerous research studies including the Wallace Foundation as a model of effective practice leading to improve student and school outcomes.

Dr. Duran's previous experience in Colorado public school districts includes service as a principal supervisor, director of instructional technology, principal, assistant principal, and teacher.

In addition to his teaching and leadership experience, Dr. Duran has extensive experience managing federal and state grant funding for education projects and initiatives. He has also successfully leveraged business-community partnerships to provide additional resources to schools.

Dr. Duran is a highly effective organizational leader whose core values include a passionate commitment to educational equity, dedication to continuous improvement aimed at results, and a collaborative and transparent leadership style. Dr. Duran holds a doctorate in Education Leadership and Policy Study from the University of Denver, a master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from the University of Colorado, and a bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. His doctoral work focused on leadership in two different groups of turnaround schools and the practices that impacted student learning outcomes.

Dr. Duran is an avid runner, cyclist, fisherman, and cook. He and his fiancé, Dr. Kelly Kovacic, share a passion for promoting equity in education, exploring the great outdoors, and keeping up with their resident canine Gracie.