



# DESOTO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

*“Soaring for Excellence.”*

**Office of Assistant Superintendent Daytona Valen**  
**Introductory Message**

To the DeSoto Family,

It is with the uttermost humility that I hope this message finds you all well.

My name is Ms. Daytona Valen, and I am beyond elated to introduce myself as the new Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction within DeSoto ISD. As a District Leader, it is my belief that each student will be able to exceed their full potential through academics and extracurriculars here in the district. With this said, our students will be burdened to reach their goals if we as staff do not put in enough hard work to get them there. At the beginning of each year, semester, quarter, day and week every student should be able to set their own individualized goal that will reflect at the end of the school year as completed. Throughout my years as an administrator/educator, I've worked with fellow members within this community to evolve on aspects of instruction as well as curriculum.

A personal goal as the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction is to make sure that all students are receiving the learning material that is coherent with their grade levels to pursue college/career readiness. It will be imperative to establish a culture that ensures my department their absolute success. To encourage students to dream; to believe in them until they believe it themselves and to educate them on the life moral of perseverance will be the culture that I promote. The foundation that this district is built on will remain intact as the forefront of my time in leadership. My belief system allows the idea that we all have our strengths and weaknesses therefore we as a unit must learn to build on the strengths and compensate for the weaknesses to improve morale. Our schools should be a safe place to learn and practice those all important skills that are the building blocks for a successful life.

It is a pleasure to serve you DeSoto.

Warm Regards,

  
Assistant Superintendent of  
Curriculum & Instruction