

I am very excited to introduce myself as the Interim Director of Student Services. Over the past 9 years, I have worked in the Franklin Public Schools as a Speech-Language Pathologist at Kennedy Elementary School and most recently as the Assistant Director of Special Education. Since being in the district, I have learned that the tradition of excellence that exists is due to the hard work of our students and staff and the wonderful support from our parents and community.

I deeply believe that we need to teach every student to become

self-reliant, self-sufficient, independent learners who can advocate for themselves. My goal is to ensure that every student feels safe, supported, and included at school, so that they will reach their full potential. No one can achieve this goal alone. I will continue to work collaboratively with our administrators, teachers, staff, parents, and community members; as the African Proverb states, "It takes a village to raise a child."

As the Interim Director of Student Services, I will be accessible to all stakeholders and will continue to maintain an open door communication policy. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with questions, suggestions, or concerns. My email is <u>maranop@franklinps.net</u> and my office phone number is 508-553-4811.