



COLUMBUS BILINGUAL — ACADEMY NORTH —

Dear CBAN North Families, Students, Faculty, and Staff,

It is with a full heart, deep gratitude, and a strong sense of purpose that I welcome you to the 2026-2027 school year at Columbus Bilingual Academy North. For me, CBAN is not just a school. It is a community that I have grown with, learned from, and dedicated eight years of my life to serving. Every hallway, every classroom, every student story is part of my own journey as an educator and as a leader.

My name is Iris Santiago Cintrón, born and raised in Ponce, Puerto Rico a place that taught me resilience, culture, and the power of education to transform lives. Those roots continue to guide everything I do. My academic journey began with a Bachelor's Degree in Education K-12 with a specialization in Special Education from the University of Puerto Rico at Ponce. Later completed a Master's Degree at Caribbean University, specializing in Special Education with a focus on mild disabilities. I am currently in my fourth year of doctoral studies at Ana G. Méndez University, pursuing a Doctorate in Education with a specialization in Curriculum, Teaching, and Learning Environments. But beyond titles and degrees, my greatest education has come from this school CBAN itself.

I began my journey here as a 4th grade teacher. I then served as Director of Academics, supporting instruction, and strengthening academic systems. Later, I became Assistant Principal, working closely with teachers, students, and families to support school culture and student success. Today, I am deeply honored to serve as Principal of the Main Building, guiding the learning of our 3rd through 8th grade students. This work is personal to me. I believe every child who walks through our doors carries potential waiting to be unlocked not only through instruction, but through relationships, consistency, and care. Schools should be places where students feel seen, valued, and challenged to grow into their best selves.

2026–2027 Commitments

- To lead with heart, clarity, and purpose
- To ensure a safe, respectful, and supportive learning environment
- To support and empower our teachers and staff.
- To strengthen meaningful partnerships with families
- To ensure every student in grades 3–8 feels known, valued, and challenged.

We are building more than a school year we are building a community where students grow academically, emotionally, and personally. Thank you for trusting me with your children and for being an essential part of this journey. I am truly honored for all that we will accomplish together.

With gratitude and deep commitment,

Iris Santiago Cintrón

Principal – Main Building (Grades 3–8)
Columbus Bilingual Academy North