



TIME FOR A NEW ERA



Dear parents,

I am joining the DBFI ICE with more than a decade of experience in bilingual education. My predominant aim is to enlighten global citizens in addition to equipping them for all of the challenging endeavors which they will most certainly face. It is paramount for each and every student to be universally informed, and to be capable to locate their place in the world, while being surrounded by a safe and nurturing environment. One of the most crucial objectives is to educate thriving engaged citizens by blending the French intellectual rigor and ambitious program with universal values such as independent thinking, cooperation and creativity. All of these elements will in turn create a solid foundation to prepare all of the students for the highest ranked international universities.

The well-being of the entire school community is at the heart of my mission.

I wholeheartedly believe that a multicultural community enables learners to acquire a positive attitude towards the rich diversity that encompasses them. This appreciation leads them to embrace their own cultural identities, while respecting and understanding others.

The knowledge of and appreciation for one's own cultural roots and beliefs helps, in turn, to build one's self esteem, happiness and well-being.

My formative years were spent in Marbella, Spain where I followed a bilingual English - Spanish program, while studying the French and Arabic curricula in parallel. Later, I moved to France, Egypt and Lebanon, as well as traveling around the world to enhance my in-depth knowledge of diverse cultures. It is no wonder that throughout this journey, I have developed a passion for languages and went on to study Mass Communication, as well as Sociology.

My experience in the Primary cycles of the French International educational system, and expertise in the secondary phase as Deputy Principal, will ensure that the future development of the school is carefully balanced to guarantee the growth of all learners, leading to academic excellence. I have had the honor of working with, and learning from some of the most prominent pedagogical experts in the French educational system. What has consequently perfected my expertise is having being trained at Jeannine Manuel Schools (London - Paris). The training mainly focused on the acquisition of leadership tools in an international bilingual learning environment, reading and writing in the bilingual system, French and English booster courses, hands-on-approach in science, as well as providing support and guidance for teachers, members of the administration, and the school community on all aspects of the program.

After having implemented the bilingual program at AFLEC schools in Lebanon, and having worked with the AFLEC pedagogical and quality assurance teams in the UAE on the development of the bilingual programs, I will thereupon work with the team at DBFI ICE to continue with the journey to deliver on both the vision and mission of the school.

It is my firm belief that it is essential for the principal to be present, meeting and greeting children and parents, as much as possible. I enjoy seeing the children every morning at the gate, and ensuring that they are happy to be at school.

I look forward to meeting all of you!