

# SAN BERNARDINO CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

A career change more than two decades ago landed Daniel Arellano in the field of education. After graduating with a degree in finance, Daniel went to work for a bank, a job he took pride in but which left him searching for a way to honor the legacy of his immigrant parents.

With a desire to impact the lives of youngsters the way his own teachers influenced his, Daniel took a job as a bilingual teacher working in the Los Angeles Unified School District. Daniel thrived in his role as an educator and taught for eight more years before being promoted to vice principal and then principal. He has dedicated more than 20 years to the San Bernardino City Unified School District.

In his current position as director of English Learner Programs, Daniel is responsible for ensuring that the District's 17,500 students who are learning English receive the services they need to acquire the new language and thrive academically.

Born and raised in East Los Angeles, Daniel draws on his family's own experiences



*Daniel Arellano*

**Director**

***English Learner Programs and  
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when working with parents on the District English Learner Advisory Committee. One of 13 children born to parents who came to the United States from Mexico, Daniel knows firsthand what it's like when parents navigate an education system they're unfamiliar with. That's why Daniel thrives on tearing down language barriers and listening thoughtfully to concerns from community members. In the end, these parents want the same thing that Daniel's parents wanted for their own sons and daughters.

"My parents instilled in me the importance of getting an education as a means to succeed," Daniel said. "They came here because they wanted their children to have opportunities that they didn't have."

In addition to serving as director of English Learner Programs, Daniel also oversees the District's Enrollment Center, a one-stop center where parents can enroll their children in elementary school.

Daniel's wife, Gabriela, is an educational assistant III at Muscoy Elementary School. They live in Fontana.