

This is now my 25th year in education and I couldn't be happier to be spending it as principal of Greenville School. This is my first principalship so this school and community will always rank high in terms of my professional experiences. I'm looking forward to making memories with students and families, as there is so much we can do when we work together.

I graduated from Brock University (eons ago) with an Honours B.A. in Child Studies, then completed my B.Ed. at York University. I later returned to Brock to pursue an M.Ed. in Organizational and Administrative Studies (that's just code for 'leadership stuff'). Such formative years filled with hardships and challenges, accomplishments and successes – but grateful for it all.

I started my teaching career in the former Wentworth County, prior to amalgamation – yep, I'm that old 😊 I was an occasional teacher in many of the schools in this area – so this really is like coming home. In fact, I lived in Dundas for 5 years so I am very familiar with the area. For 20 years I taught students across all 3 divisions at various schools within HWDSB: Seneca, James MacDonald, Ridgemount, Chedoke, Ancaster Meadow and Tiffany Hills. Some of my classrooms had walls and others did not – *Pods!* Like I said, I've been around for awhile. Near the latter part of my teaching career, I left the classroom to take on an Instructional Coach role. I worked between 2 schools, Bagshaw and Lake Avenue, where I had the experience of working with colleagues and supporting them in their instructional practice. That was a pivotal year in my leadership journey.

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While I loved my time with students in the classroom, I felt pulled to administration just over 4 years ago. I started as vice principal at Templemead in January of 2018. However, 8 months later I was moved to Lawfield. I spent 3 years there and really found my rhythm as an administrator. This past September, I shared my time between G. L. Armstrong and Norwood Park. I became acting principal for a couple of months when one of my partners took a leave. That opportunity was fortuitous because it paved the way for me being appointed principal of Greenville. It's been a long and winding road but it's led me here, with all of you!

My favourite part of this role is spending time getting to know stakeholders. I'm excited to learn about the great things happening throughout the school and this beautiful community.

Looking forward to creating the next chapter of my professional story with all of you,

Jennifer Miscas

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