



Support Staff Spotlight

NAME: Salvador Hernandez

POSITION: Intervention Specialist

SCHOOL: Garrison Middle School

YEARS IN DISTRICT: 21 years

Q. What are your responsibilities as Intervention Specialist at Garrison?

A. I am the connection between families and school. I do home visits. I meet with students to find out if they have needs, and I am a liaison with our other staff members.

Q. What are some examples of your work?

A. I recently worked with a student who needed glasses. We didn't have a good telephone number for the family, so I made a home visit to find out if they have resources to provide glasses or if we needed to find a different route. The student was having difficulties in school and one reason was because of needing glasses.

Q. Why is helping students such a passion of yours?

A. Once you get to know families and see how they are living it makes you think about how this student is going to have success in school since they are living such a rough life at home. All the experiences I've had working with students over the years makes me have a big heart.

Q. Does your work at Garrison make a difference?

A. When I came here 21 years ago, it was largely because we had a lot of problems with gangs in our community. We would have many fights in front of the school and several kids involved in gangs. Right now this problem is minimal at Garrison. Since I started Garrison is a different school. It is not because of my effort entirely, it's the effort of our entire staff. I think Garrison is a very healthy school.

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I believe the school can provide the help students need if we know about their issues. If you know the family is not doing well you have more heart for the students and want to give them even more support.



Highlights Salvador Hernandez

I was born and raised in Mexico. I was an accountant in Mexico City as a young man.



I've been a singer and entertainer since my youth.

At age 22, I moved to America with my brother Javier. I worked in the fields and did odd jobs before going back to school to further my education.