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This year we welcome the wonderful Mrs. Eileen Piper-Simpson, as our new Pershing Assistant Principal & we couldn't be more thrilled! Mrs. Simpson just finished her Master's in Educational Leadership and interned here in D100 last summer so she may look a bit familiar to some of you. She has spent twenty years in the field of education. For the last seven years, she has worked in the nearby district of Westchester as a 4th grade teacher. Prior to that, Mrs. Simpson worked with students in alternative, international, and public schools as an instructional special education teacher, resource teacher, interventionist, and general education teacher. For four-and-a-half of those years, she and her husband lived in Spain. Her ability to communicate in Spanish has been an asset in developing relationships throughout her life. The experience of living in and embracing another culture was a life changing experience for her and her family. She is the proud mother of Maggie, Asa and Audrey, who are high school and middle school students. Mrs. Simpson loves to garden, read, and travel! She believes that being trustworthy, dedicated, and an interested listener are essential qualities of an effective leader and empathetic individual. She brings these qualities as well as a passion for collaboration and an emphasis on being supportive to the Pershing community so that all students, parents and staff continue to be welcomed and embraced.

My name is Diona Iacobazzi or Ms. Bazz, as my Pershing family knows me, and I am beginning my third year as the Principal of Pershing School. That said I have worked at Pershing for my entire professional career. I taught 3rd grade for three years and 5th grade for ten. From 2102 to 2015 I had the privilege of being the Assistant Principal at this terrific school. Along with a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership I completed a Master's program to become a Reading Specialist in 2012.

I grew up about two miles away in Cicero and have always been a part of the Berwyn/Cicero community. My husband John and I just celebrated our 12th anniversary and I am the proud mom to a handsome little guy named Sonny. I love to read and watch movies and I am ridiculously competitive.

Over the years I have developed strong relationships in the community. Pershing students, staff, and families are a big piece of my heart. I am looking forward to supporting #teampershing as we climb the ladder of success here in D100.