YARIBEL RODRIGUEZ
DIRECTOR OF TEACHER TALENT

Yaribel Rodriguez leads our initiatives to ensure more Milwaukee children have teachers who share their racial and cultural identities.

Yaribel’s background offers a dynamic perspective on Milwaukee’s educational opportunity. Born in Puerto Rico, her family relocated to the “mainland” when she was just two in search of the “American Dream.” Yaribel went on to graduate from Milwaukee Public Schools’ Rufus King International Baccalaureate High School and continued on to the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Yaribel has worked in Milwaukee education for the past 10 years as a teacher, coach, assistant principal, and principal. Her life experiences have compelled her to seek methods to improve urban education and become a transformative leader. In her most recent role as principal of MPS’ Lincoln Avenue School, Yaribel built trust with families, neighbors and business partners through community conversations to form strategic and innovative partnerships to remove barriers to student success. This work garnered national attention for her efforts and collaborative approach to problem-solving and programming.

Yaribel earned a B.S. in Elementary Education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and her M.S. in Educational Leadership from Cardinal Stritch University.

Yaribel lives on the near south side of Milwaukee with her amazing 4-year old son, Julian.