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Introducing Arizona School for the Arts' New Principal

Arizona School for the Arts is proud to introduce Elma Džanić Bass, M.Ed. who officially began her role as ASA's Principal at the start of this school year (2023-24). She previously served as a consultant and interim Dean of Students for the school, allowing for a smooth transition into her new role as School Principal.



For over 15 years, Ms. Bass has played a significant role as a leader in urban education for the Chicago Public School System and locally, the Phoenix Union High School District. As a former Restorative Justice Director and a district-level administrator, Elma has led and transformed institutional policies and practices impacting disproportionate discipline, behavior and mental health interventions, and school culture and climate. She is a dynamic facilitator, a passionate advocate for students, a bold systems leader, and a relationship-centered restorative practitioner.

"The love and value Elma expresses for our students, staff, and mission resonated with us," said Leah Fregulia, ASA's Head of School/CEO. "Through her intensive work with our amazing students and faculty, she has already been an inspirational and transformative presence for us."

"I find myself extremely grateful for the opportunity," stated Ms. Bass. "I discovered collaborative and thoughtful faculty, amazing young people with big dreams, immense academic and arts talents, and a commitment from leadership to growing and transforming the community to meet the pressing needs of the 21st century."

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ABOUT ARIZONA SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS

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