

To: Board of Education
From: Brad Swanson
Date: July 29, 2019
Re: Appointments: Certified

Special Education Teacher - GBN
Ms. Dimitra Balaskas

Degrees:

M.A School Counseling - Northeastern Illinois University, IL
B.A English - Loyola University, IL

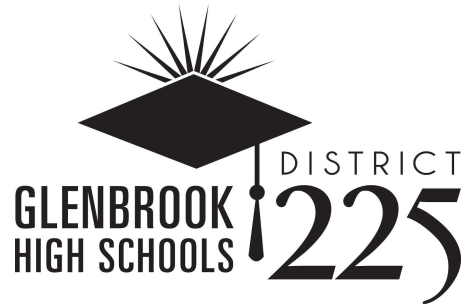
Certifications:

Secondary (English Language Arts, English as a Second Language, and Special Education)
Learning Behavior Specialist I

Professional Experience:

Dimitra has most recently completed her counseling internship at GBN. Previously, she served as a Humanities and ELL teacher in Schiller Park School District 81. In this position, she used standard based grading to assess student progress. She developed and implemented curriculum and taught RTI lessons for Tiers 1, 2, and 3 in reading and Tier 2 math. Dimitra also organized and participated in the INSPIRE program to match students in need with adult mentors.

Salary: \$44,611.80 (MA, Step D, 0.6 FTE)
Start Date: August 19, 2019



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Social Studies Teacher - GBS
Mr. David Bajjalieh

Degrees:

B.A History - Augustana College, IL

Certifications:

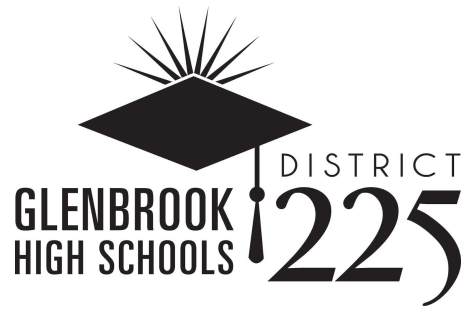
Secondary (Social Science)

Professional Experience:

David has most recently served as a Special Education teaching assistant and supported students on a daily basis, meeting their needs and accommodations aligned with their IEPs. He worked in a wide variety of classroom settings in support of many different student accommodations including curriculum support, testing accommodations and physical therapy. In several instances, David also co-taught or assisted with curriculum development in Special Education social studies sections.

Salary: \$36,217.80 (BA, Step A, 0.6 FTE)

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To: Board of Education
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Social Studies Teacher - GBN
Ms. Lauren Emmert

Degrees:

B.A Social Science/Science - Michigan Technological University, MI

Certifications:

Secondary (Biological Science, History, Social Science)

Professional Experience:

Lauren has most recently served as a Biology Teacher at Truman College where she created her own biology and anatomy curriculums. She also was responsible for creating a brand new class that combined elements of anatomy and psychology to help students explore their own learning process, memory skills, and stressors to encourage wellness management. In addition, she is an active member of culture at Truman College where she helped plan school events and helped create a positive school learning environment across classrooms. Prior, Lauren served as a Summer School Teacher at Glenbrook High Schools where she taught biology.

Salary: \$37,680.60 (BA, Step C, 0.6 FTE)
Start Date: August 19, 2019