



# Gonzaga Middle School

## A Jesuit NativityMiguel Academy

### Director of Student and Graduate Support – Full Time Gonzaga Middle School (beginning 2024-25 School Year)

Gonzaga Middle School is an innovative independent middle school for students from underserved families living in Northeast downtown and North End Winnipeg neighbourhoods that opened in September 2016. It uses the unique middle school educational framework and best practices from Jesuit Nativity model schools, adapting them to the communities served in Winnipeg. The school offers small class sizes, enrichment opportunities, summer programming and a Graduate Support Program for Gonzaga Middle School graduates through secondary and post-secondary studies. GMS offers staff very competitive remuneration and a strong benefit program.

#### **Opportunity:**

With the impending retirement of our founding Student and Graduate Support Director this June, Gonzaga Middle School is seeking a Student and Graduate Support Director (SGSD) commencing the 2024-25 school year. The successful candidate will be an experienced teacher who has a proven track record of building relationships with students and families, has experience in assessing and developing plans for addressing student needs and providing student services while contributing to a strong educational team. This person will provide direct support to teachers, students and families while contributing to the administrative team. They will participate in school activities and demonstrate a commitment to all aspects of the school mission. Proven experience in and passion for middle year's education along with proven success working in an inner-city school setting and having counselling or student support services qualifications and experience would be an asset.

#### **Description:**

In a Jesuit Nativity school environment that fosters collegiality and supports continuous learning, this employee is responsible for the overall, non-academic success and development of students during their time at GMS and beyond. The Student and Graduate Support Director will work closely with other staff, parents/guardians, educational institutions and the community to provide equitable opportunities for students and graduates. The SGSD will serve as a mentor, participate in school activities and demonstrate a commitment to all aspects of the GMS mission. In this position, the SGSD is directly responsible for the moral, emotional, social and physical development of students. The goal the SGSD is to ensure student attendance and reduce student mobility; thus developing students who demonstrate academic success, character, leadership and service to others. The SGSD will work closely with staff, volunteers, families, and members of the community to ensure the overall success of students and graduates.

#### **The Successful Candidates will:**

- Bachelor of Education Degree.
- Successful experience working in an urban community school setting.
- Experience working with at risk youth.
- Success in working with middle years, Indigenous and newcomer youth in inner city Winnipeg.
- Excellent communication and presentation skills.
- Advanced computer literacy and the proven ability to analyze student data.
- Successful experience as a youth mentor.
- Additional Counselling Studies and/or Bachelor of Social Work Degree or equivalent.
- Have a valid Manitoba Permanent Professional Certificate.

**Candidates fitting the above criteria can forward a letter of interest and resume including the names of three references, in confidence, to [tlussier@gonzagamiddleschool.ca](mailto:tlussier@gonzagamiddleschool.ca)**

**Closing Date: Applications accepted until the position is filled.**

#### **Questions about the opportunity can be directed to:**

Tom Lussier, Executive Director or Rex Ferguson-Baird, Principal

Gonzaga Middle School

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Website: [www.gonzagamiddleschool.ca](http://www.gonzagamiddleschool.ca)

*By submitting an application for employment, applicants consent to GMS conducting inquiries into suitability for employment by contacting references provided and/or former employers and any information publicly available online, including social media. The duration of this consent is limited from the time of application to the time that hiring for the 2023-2024 school year is completed. This information will not be shared with any other organization or individual outside of GMS, without your request or prior authorization, unless required or permitted by law.*

*GMS encourages applications from all qualified individuals. We thank all who apply; only those candidates selected for an interview will be contacted. GMS is committed to promoting the welfare of our students. All qualified applicants will be required to provide a clear Criminal Record Check and Child Abuse Registry Check prior to commencement of employment.*