



Nicole Gasper, CEO
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Nicole Gasper has served in public education for over 25 years as an administrator and educator who is passionate about providing high quality learning environments for all students. She brings a strength-based perspective to her leadership style, intentionally focusing on leveraging the talents of those around her. Her goal is to understand each person's skills, and then create a culture in which all team members can contribute their best. She approaches her role as a leader of students in a similar way, creating a culture of support and accountability so that the students can develop leadership and problem-solving skills.

Prior to joining WMAA in July of 2019, Ms. Gasper worked in the Newaygo County Regional Educational Service Agency (RESA) for over a decade, advancing from Curriculum Consultant to Chief Instructional Officer. Her experiences include career tech development, successful grant writing, college preparatory programs, STEM programming, and supporting K-12 districts on curriculum, instruction, and assessment. She is an active professional in her field, serving on several statewide educational boards and committees.

Ms. Gasper also served as a Secondary Coordinator at Del Mar Academy, a remote bilingual International Baccalaureate school in the jungle of Costa Rica. She became engaged with this school as a result of her travels. This experience provided her with a unique global perspective on culture, as well as on English as a second language.

Ms. Gasper holds a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and a Master of Arts in Educational Administration and Supervision from Northern Michigan University in Marquette, MI. In her leisure time, she enjoys exercising, traveling, and spending time with her family.