

Portland Public Schools Superintendent Search

**“Candidates Day in the District”**

Focus Group Vita Information

**May 2, 2016 - Xavier Botana**

*Career Highlights*

- **Education** - Illinois Superintendent’s Academy Training - 2010; Ph.D. Program participant in Education and Social Policy, Northwestern University, Evanston, IL - 1994 (A.B.D.); Master’s Degree in Educational Administration, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL - 1989; Bachelor’s Degree in Curriculum and Instruction, Chicago State University, Chicago IL - 1984
- **Experience** - Currently Associate Superintendent , Michigan City Area Schools, Michigan City IN since 2010 - serves 6,000 students and 750 employees
  - Has been the Chief Academic Officer for Portland Oregon Public schools; Chief Officer of Instructional Design and Assessment for Chicago Public Schools; Division Administrator for the Illinois State Board of Education; Assistant Director for the Bensenville New American School Project - Bensenville, IL; Assistant Principal/Department Chair at Morton High School , Cicero IL; Coordinator of the Illinois Alliance of Essential Schools , Chicago IL; Bilingual/ESL Teacher, Cicero Public Schools and Palatine Public Schools in IL; fluent in Spanish.
- **Service** - currently or has previously been, member, board member, or participant of community, civic, and professional organizations such as: National Academy for the Sciences Committee on English Language Learners, Lubeznik Center for the Arts (Michigan City, IN); Rotary Club of Michigan City; Mentor - Hours for Ours, Michigan City; Hispanic Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce - Portland, OR; High Jump Chicago; National Forum to Accelerate Middle Grades Reform; Phi Delta Kappa - Northwest Suburban Chapter; Illinois Association for Multilingual/Multicultural Education; Oregon Association of Latino Administrators, Lector, St. Walter’s Parish - Chicago, IL.