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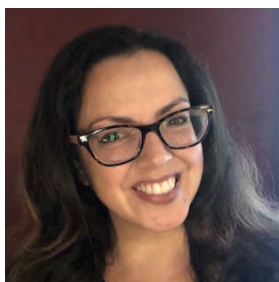
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## More Than Bootstraps Announces New Advisory Board Member

WESTFIELD and PASSAIC, NEW JERSEY – December 15, 2022. The New Jersey non-profit organization, More Than Bootstraps, announces the addition of **Dr. Susan Suarez** to the advisory board. Advisory board members provide expertise and guidance to MTB as it builds a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education.



Susan Suarez is a high school English/Language Arts teacher in the Baltimore County Public Schools. In her 14 years of experience working in urban high schools, including in Jersey City and Elizabeth, Dr. Suarez has emphasized critical thinking and problem-solving, focusing on the 21st-century skills needed to succeed in college and beyond.

The youngest of six children born to Cuban immigrants, Dr. Suarez was the second of her siblings to graduate from college and remains the only child in her family to earn a master's degree or a doctorate. Aware of the struggles first-generation college students face, she interweaves the navigation of college systems into her instruction as early as freshman year. She created and implemented dual-enrollment English, which she co-taught with a university professor, ensuring students would have first-hand experience with a university course before attending higher education.

“We are thrilled to have Dr. Suarez join our advisory board,” said **Audrey Fisch**, president of More Than Bootstraps. “Her expertise and experience will contribute to the success of our students.”

Interested donors are invited to visit the MTB website: [www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate](http://www.morethanbootstraps.org/donate).

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### About **MORE THAN BOOTSTRAPS**

[More Than Bootstraps](http://www.morethanbootstraps.org) builds a community of first-generation, underrepresented students who empower each other to access and succeed in higher education. *More Than Bootstraps* is a 501(c)3 organization, Tax ID 83-2245008. For more information, visit [www.morethanbootstraps.org](http://www.morethanbootstraps.org) or call (908) 397-0893.

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