



Announcing Chief Joseph's New Principal Amber Gerber



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Dear Chief Joseph Community,

Please join me in welcoming Amber Gerber as the new principal of Chief Joseph Elementary School. She succeeds Molly Chun who has been named as a Senior Director in the Portland Public Schools' Office of School Performance.

Amber collaborated with the PPS leadership team to plan and oversee the successful consolidation of Chief Joseph and Ockley Green schools.

An 18 year veteran with PPS, Amber served three years as Assistant Principal of Chief Joseph/Ockley Green, five years at Marysville as a teacher and School Improvement Specialist and 10 years as a middle school teacher at George MS.

Equity is a key priority for Amber. She is an inclusive leader whose goal is to enhance family support and engagement at Chief Joseph. She views the school as the heart of the community, and wants to ensure that families of color have a strong voice in decisions. She plans on building on the strong gains in reading scores at Chief Joseph, and reducing the overall achievement gap.

Amber earned her undergraduate and masters degrees at PSU. She is the proud mother of Nathan, a 12-year-old at Hosford Middle School. In her spare time she loves to garden, camp, and pursue outdoor activities.

Please join me in congratulating Chief Joseph Principal Amber Gerber.

Carole Smith
Superintendent

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