



# Announcing Tubman Middle School's New Planning Principal Brenda Fox



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Dear Tubman Middle School's Community,

Please join me in welcoming Brenda Fox as the planning principal for the proposed Tubman Middle School. She is currently the principal of Lane Middle School.

Brenda will help shape the vision for the new middle school recommended to open in Fall 2017. Boise-Eliot/Humboldt, Irvington, King and Sabin schools are being recommended to feed Tubman.

She began her education career in 1990 as a fifth grade teacher in Rhode Island. Brenda came to PPS in 2001 as an English as a Second Language teacher at Binnsmead Middle School. She later served as assistant principal and then principal at Binnsmead. She also served as the principal of James John, Bridger and more recently, Lane Middle School.

Brenda is especially proud of working with her team at Lane on adding the MindUP curriculum, which teaches students mindfulness to manage stress and also promotes academic success. Another hallmark is the formation of teacher Achievement Teams that analyzed data and helped support the school's AVID program.

She wrote a Master's thesis on middle school reform. Brenda has experience building literacy frameworks for middle school students, creating intervention strategies in reading and math, and implementing mindfulness, systems learning, and advances in Executive Skills development for adolescent brains.

She knows how to build bridges between school and district staff to coordinate resources that support teacher's work with each other and their students and is looking forward to meeting and working with the teachers, students and families at Tubman MS and Boise-Eliot/Humboldt, Irvington, King and Sabin schools.

Brenda is a PPS graduate of Maplewood K-8 and Wilson High School. She has two children, one in college, and a second graduating this year.

Please join me in congratulating Tubman Middle School Planning Principal Brenda Fox.

Carole Smith  
Superintendent

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