



# Announcing West Sylvan Middle School's New Principal Cherie Kinnersley



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Dear West Sylvan Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Cherie Kinnersley as the new principal for West Sylvan Middle School. She is currently a vice principal at Lincoln High School and replaces John Ferraro who is moving to Beverly Cleary.

Cherie has 25 years of experience as an educator and administrator beginning in 1991 with international assignments as a teacher in the Fiji Islands and China. She also taught middle school science in Miami, Florida and high school science in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Cherie joined Portland Public Schools in 2011 as a vice principal for Lincoln High School, in charge of curriculum, discipline, student support and equity. Having welcomed West Sylvan students to Lincoln, Cherie is very excited to join a school of highly-motivated students, and looks forward to being part of a community where students, parents and teachers work together to address the needs of the whole child – focusing on social and emotional strength and healthy decision-making.

Her work at Lincoln includes Collaborative Action Research for Equity (CARE), developing culturally relevant learning and teaching practices and Sheltered Instruction Observation Protocol (SIOP), an approach to teaching English language learners which integrates language and content instruction. She also worked collaboratively with parents and the community on the Health Action Network, which supports the physical and mental health of high school students.

In her spare time, Cherie loves to travel, read and whenever possible relax at the beach.

Please join me in congratulating West Sylvan Middle School Principal Cherie Kinnersley, and wishing John Ferraro well in his new assignment at Beverly Cleary.

Carole Smith  
Superintendent

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