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Announcing new principal at Rieke, Jonathan Jeans

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Dear Rieke Community,

I am pleased to announce that Jonathan Jeans, a 16-year veteran of Portland Public Schools, will become the new principal at Rieke Elementary School. Jonathan knows the community well, having served as assistant principal at Robert Gray Middle School for the last six years. As you know, Rieke is the feeder school for Robert Gray within the Wilson High School cohort.

Jonathan will succeed Sarah Lewins, who will retire at the end of the school year after a long, distinguished career in education that includes 21 years in PPS, the last three at Rieke. I want to thank Sarah for her dedication to our students and community.

With 26 years as a licensed educator, Jonathan brings a variety of work experiences, with all age groups, to inform his leadership at Rieke. He is an accomplished leader on curriculum, instruction, student management and professional development. He also possesses leadership experience in equity, PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports), technology, and AVID work with school staffs.

Jonathan started his education career as an elementary and middle school teacher in Cave Junction, Oregon, and has also taught special education and served as an all-subjects tutor as a business owner in San Diego. He joined PPS in 2003 as a fifth-grade teacher at Chapman Elementary, and served as assistant principal at East/West Sylvan middle school before going to Robert Gray in 2013. He and his wife are proud parents of two children at Capitol Hill elementary in PPS.

Jonathan earned a Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology from Princeton University, where he also completed its teacher preparation program, and has a Master's in Educational Leadership and Policy from Portland State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Jeans to Rieke Elementary School.

Keeley Simpson
Area Assistant Superintendent



Jonathan Jeans

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