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## Announcing New Principal at da Vinci, Robbie Davis

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Dear da Vinci Community,

I am pleased to announce that Robbie Davis, a culturally responsive instructional leader, will be the new principal at da Vinci Arts Middle School starting with the 2021-22 school year.

Robbie will succeed Fred Locke, who has been da Vinci's principal since 2011 and is retiring. We thank Fred for his dedication and service and wish him the best.

Robbie comes to da Vinci from Beaumont Middle School, where she is currently serving as assistant principal. She has been immersed in the performing arts throughout her life and has performed as a dancer in ballet, African dance and modern dance; as a singer at Carnegie Hall; and as a theatrical performer in a variety of musicals. She understands the importance of arts integration, as she previously taught at a school that focused on embedding right-brain instruction in daily instruction via the Right Brain Initiative Organization. She also has a personal connection to and investment in da Vinci, as her daughters are both current da Vinci students. Moreover, Robbie has a history of implementing practices based in evidence and equity, and in establishing strong relationships with all stakeholders. She is innovative, research-driven and collaborative.



*Robbie Davis*

Robbie started her career as a special education teacher in PPS. In 2015, she moved to the central office as a Teacher on Special Assignment (TOSA) for special education, delivering professional development and providing coaching for administrators and school teams. In 2017, she moved into school administration as an assistant principal at West Sylvan Middle School, where she served for three years before moving to Beaumont.

Robbie earned a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Arts, with a minor in Special Education, a Master of Science in Special Education, and an Administrative License from Portland State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Davis to da Vinci.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
Chief of Schools

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