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Announcing Metropolitan Learning Center's New Principal Alexa Pearson

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Dear Metropolitan Learning Center Community,

I am pleased to announce that Alexa Pearson, currently the Assistant Principal at Sunnyside Environmental School in southeast Portland, will be the new Principal of MLC. Alexa succeeds Pam Joyner, who is retiring.

Alexa has been at Sunnyside since 2015 and has shown effective leadership on several fronts, including culturally responsive professional development, organizing racial affinity groups and leading the climate team. In addition to supervising all K-8 teachers, she co-lead place-based experiences – overnight and day trips – where staff and parents work collaboratively to provide rich, relevant educational experiences for students.

Prior to joining PPS in 2015, Alexa had a long and diversified career in educational leadership and classroom teaching in the North Clackamas, Centennial and Evergreen school districts.

As the Associate Director of Teaching and Learning in North Clackamas School District, she built upon several years of classroom and administrative experience to help the district through literacy training and adoption of instructional models. Before that, she was Assistant Principal for Curriculum and Instruction at Clackamas High School from 2009-2012.

She has taught English at both Centennial High School and Mountain View High School, as well as being a literary coach at both schools. She began her career as a teacher of the deaf at Mountain View.

She hopes to use her experience as a teacher and an administrator to bring an atmosphere of open communication and cohesiveness to the MLC community. Alexa is excited about the unique offerings of the MLC education structure, and will be focusing on the five traits emphasized at the school: courage, respect, self-discipline, integrity and compassion.

Alexa holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from the University of Oregon, an Initial Administrative License and Master's of Education from Lewis and Clark College, and a Bachelor of Arts from Michigan State University.

Please join me in welcoming Alexa Pearson to the MLC community.


Bob McKean
Superintendent



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