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## Announcing new principal at George, Amy Whitney

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Dear George Community,

I am pleased to announce that Amy Whitney will be the new principal at George Middle School starting in the 2020-21 school year. Amy is a veteran educator who has worked at George and has years of experience working with racially, culturally and linguistically diverse communities.

Amy succeeds Peter McDougal, who has moved on to another district. We wish Peter the best, and thank assistant principal Shaunice Silas, who is stepping in as interim principal to finish the school year.

Amy comes to George from Kelly Elementary School, where she is finishing her fifth year as principal. In leading the Title I school, Amy has used a racial equity lens to manage the budget and resources at a complex campus with multiple funding sources. She consistently worked to build and strengthen community partnerships, especially with groups that serve historically underserved students, and used a shared leadership model, coaching teachers in leadership roles to help systemize improvement.

Amy taught at George from 2007 to 2010, in social studies, AVID, academic support, leadership and publications. From 2010-2012, she served as a school improvement specialist and instructional coach at George and Bridger K-8. She served as an assistant principal at Bridger and Lane Middle School from 2012-2015. Her experience in working at Dual Language Immersion schools at Lane, Bridger and Kelly will be a major asset as George adds a DLI Spanish program in 2020-21.

Amy began her career as a teacher in California, serving for a decade before she moved to Oregon in 2016 and worked as a substitute teacher in PPS for a year before joining George.

Amy earned an Associate of Arts in Fine Art from Saddleback Community College; a Bachelor of Arts in Art History from California State University, Long Beach; and a Masters in Educational Leadership and Policy from Portland State University.

Please join me in welcoming Amy back to George, this time as Principal Whitney.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.  
Chief of Schools



Amy Whitney

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