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## Announcing ACCESS Academy's new principal Anh Nguyen-Johnson

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I am pleased to announce Anh Nguyen-Johnson will be principal of Access Academy. She has served as interim principal for Mt. Tabor Middle School this past year, where she had previously been the assistant principal since 2014.

Through her 20-plus years of educational and leadership experience, Anh brings a unique and diverse skill set to Access Academy. While at Mt. Tabor she successfully guided curriculum and instruction with 40 teachers in a school serving nearly 740 students in multiple program strands: Spanish Immersion, Japanese Immersion, neighborhood, deaf and hard of hearing, and life skills.

Anh joined Portland Public Schools in 2004 as a technology teacher at Forest Park Elementary School. She also served as a senior program manager in the PPS Office of Information Technology supporting teachers and schools throughout the district in the successful implementation of a new Student Information System.

As she assumes the role of principal at Access, Anh says she wants to establish a more cohesive community and create a positive school climate that focuses on racial equity, both challenges given that the program brings in students from geographically diverse areas. She is also excited to work with students from different backgrounds, and is committed to ensuring that the program is following best practices for gifted students.

Anh earned bachelor degrees from Syracuse University in Inclusive Elementary and Special Education and Sociology, and her master's degree in Curriculum and Instruction from Portland State University. She completed her administrative license at Lewis and Clark College. Anh speaks conversational Vietnamese.

Anh grew up in the Philadelphia area, but now calls Portland home. She enjoys traveling, spending time with family and friends, baking, and coaching girls' lacrosse.

Please join me in congratulating Anh Nguyen-Johnson in being named permanent Principal of Access Academy.

Bob McKean  
Interim Superintendent



Anh Nguyen-Johnson

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