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# Announcing Cleveland High School's New Principal Ayesha Freeman

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Dear Cleveland High School Community,

It is with great pleasure that I announce Ayesha Freeman as the new principal for Cleveland High School. Ayesha is currently vice principal at Wilson High School, a position she has held since 2012.

Ayesha earned her bachelor's degree in history from Vassar College, her master's degree in education from the University of Michigan and her administrator license from Portland State University. She worked as a high school social studies teacher for three years for the Cherry Creek School District in Denver, Colorado following her graduation from the University of Michigan. She then made the move to Oregon in 2000 where she taught high school social studies at Sunset High School for six years. Ayesha was then vice principal at Mountain View High School in Vancouver; vice principal at Gresham High School for five years; and assistant principal at Wilson High School for the past five years.

Her 20 years of experience as a teacher and administrator in comprehensive public high schools gives her the necessary background to continue Cleveland's trajectory of success. She is committed to racial equity and intersectionality in schools. While at Wilson, Ayesha facilitated the school's Equity Team and developed teacher leadership in this area. She is a practitioner of curriculum, instruction, and assessment and believes her primary role is to support and inspire great teaching and learning in high school classrooms. Ayesha wants Cleveland to continue to be a place where all students and families feel welcome. To make that possible, she intends to work closely with teachers and staff, current students, alumni, the PTA, and the entire Cleveland community for years to come.

Ayesha is immersed in the world of schooling with her work and her two teenage daughters, who attend PPS schools. She loves to snowboard, bike, and backpack in the mountains with her family and friends as often as possible. Ayesha is a fan of the fine, performing and literary arts, appreciates live music, documentaries, science fiction films and vegetarian meals. In between all of this, she enjoys writing and reading non-fiction and international news.

Please join me in congratulating Ayesha in her new assignment as the principal of Cleveland High School!

Bob McKean  
Interim Superintendent



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