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Announcing new principal at Alliance High School, Bonnie Hobson

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Dear Alliance Community,

I am pleased to announce that Bonnie Hobson, a veteran educator with a long history of service in Portland Public Schools, will be the new principal at Alliance High School, including its Alliance at Meek and Alliance at Benson campuses.

Bonnie succeeds Lorna Fast Buffalo Horse, who served as principal at Alliance for seven years. Lorna has moved to the PPS Office of School Performance as Director of Multiple Pathways to Graduation.

Bonnie has already been serving as interim Alliance principal as Lorna transitioned to her new position. Bonnie's history in PPS dates to 1982, when she joined the district as a music teacher at Hosford Middle School. We believe she possesses the knowledge and experience to keep Alliance thriving.

Bonnie has served as principal at Roosevelt High School, Gregory Heights Middle School and the Harriet Tubman Leadership Academy for Young Women. She also served as Principal on Special Assignment then Director for the district's AVID, AP and IB programs.

Bonnie started her education career as a teacher in Kenya at a girls boarding school in 1980. After joining PPS and teaching at Hosford for three years, she moved to Franklin High School, where she taught math and served as an integration specialist, supporting students of color. She moved into administration as a vice principal at Jefferson High School in 1994 and also served in that role at Cleveland High School.

She has also served multiple district-wide roles, including as the district's legislative lobbyist; as the district Gear UP program director; and as Director of PK-12 Supports in the district's Office of Teaching and Learning.

Bonnie earned a Bachelor of Art in Music Education from Hendrix College, and a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from Portland State University.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Hobson to Alliance.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools



Bonnie Hobson

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