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Announcing new principal at Pioneer, Brandon Breeden

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Dear Pioneer Community,

I am pleased to announce that Brandon Breeden will be the new principal at Pioneer School starting in the 2020-21 school year. Brandon's combination of skills, experience and values make him an ideal fit to serve in this important position.

Brandon will succeed Michael LaFramboise, who will retire at the end of the 2019-20 school year. We thank Michael for his decades of service and dedication to students, and we wish him all the best.

Brandon moves into the principal role after serving as assistant principal at Pioneer since July 2019. In his time at Pioneer, Brandon has earned the trust of staff as he took on managing and supporting teachers, engaged with families, and directly supported students in K-12 classrooms. He demonstrated a dedication to using equity and culture as a vital lens through which he views the function of Pioneer in moving toward greater improvement.

Brandon has years of experience working within special schools and with highly-impacted student populations. He started in Portland Public Schools in 2006 as a therapeutic intervention coach, and worked as a K-5 special education teacher at Holladay School for nine years before becoming a school climate specialist at Holladay for three years. In that role, he facilitated and led implementation of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports, restorative practices, and social emotional learning.

In 2018, Brandon transitioned into an administrative role, starting with an initial administration licensure internship at Alameda Elementary School before moving to Pioneer.

Brandon earned a Bachelor of Science in Sociology, with an emphasis on Elementary Education, from Oregon State University, and a Master of Special Education from Portland State University.

Please join me in congratulating Brandon on becoming Principal Breeden.

Brenda Martinek
Chief of Student Support Services



Brandon Breeden

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