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Announcing new principal at Roseway Heights, Brenda Fox

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Dear Roseway Heights Community,

I am pleased to announce that Brenda Fox will be the new principal at Roseway Heights Middle School. Brenda is a veteran school leader who has been in Portland Public Schools for 18 years.

She will succeed Kathleen Ellwood, who served as Roseway Heights principal in 2018-19 and as planning principal during the campus' transition into a full-fledged middle school. I want to thank Kathleen for her dedication and wish her the best as she moves into a new role as an Area Senior Director in the central office.



Brenda Fox

Brenda moves to Roseway Heights after spending 2018-19 as principal at Atkinson Elementary School. Brenda also has been a PPS principal at Binnsmead (now called Harrison Park) Middle School, James John Elementary School, Bridger K-8 and Lane Middle School. She also served as a planning principal for Harriet Tubman, which like Roseway Heights, re-opened as a full middle school in 2018-19.

Brenda's history with PPS goes back to childhood, as she is a graduate of Maplewood K-8 and Wilson High School. She started her education career as a fifth-grade teacher in Rhode Island, before moving to Chula Vista, Calif., to teach at an elementary school for two years.

Brenda returned to PPS in 2001 as an English as a Second Language (ESL) teacher at Binnsmead. She moved into administration as an assistant principal at Binnsmead in 2005, then took over as the school's principal in 2006-07. During her time at Binnsmead, the Title I school saw reading and math scores increase dramatically, with limited English proficient (LEP) and black students making the biggest gains.

At Bridger, she instituted a bi-weekly coffee meeting for Latino parents to help build leadership among families. At Lane, she worked with her team to add the MindUP curriculum, which teaches students to manage stress while also promoting academic success.

Brenda earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Washington and Masters of Education in Administration and ESOL endorsement from Lewis & Clark College.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Fox to Roseway Heights.

Keeley Simpson, Ed.D.
Regional Superintendent

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