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Announcing new principal at Marysville, Catherine Murray

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Dear Marysville Community,

I am pleased to announce that Catherine Murray, a familiar face to most of you, will become the new principal at Marysville K-8 School. Catherine has worked at Marysville since 2006 in several roles, and we believe she will be a great fit as principal.

Catherine will succeed Lana Penley, who served as Marysville principal for 11 years. Lana's leadership during the 2009 fire that destroyed the campus, through a temporary stay at the Rose City campus before Marysville re-opened in 2013, was a source of strength and stability. We thank Lana for her great service.

With Catherine, we will be able to retain the institutional knowledge of Marysville's unique community and student population. She served as Lana's assistant principal the last two years and played a key role in the development of Mindful School Climate and was charged with primary oversight of the multiple school systems.

Catherine was an experienced teacher when she came to Portland Public Schools in 2002 as a special education teacher at Mt. Tabor Middle School. She moved to Marysville in 2006 and served as a teacher in grades 6-8 until 2014, when she became an instructional specialist, mentoring teachers for grades 4-8.

She got her first taste of instruction as a dual-language student teacher in Costa Rica, then had stints as a special education teacher in Kansas City and Illinois. She attended Northern Illinois University, where she earned a Bachelor of Arts in Education and a Master of Arts in Teaching.

Please join me in congratulating Catherine on becoming Principal Murray.

Oscar Moreno Gilson
Area Assistant Superintendent



Catherine Murray

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