



PORTLAND Public Schools

Announcing New Secondary Area Senior Director, Chris Frazier

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Dear PPS Staff and Families,

I am pleased to announce that Chris Frazier is joining the PPS leadership team as Secondary Area Senior Director. Chris will assume this role beginning fall 2023, having served as Principal of Franklin High School since 2018.

Chris was named Franklin principal after working as the school's vice principal for four years. Early in his tenure at Franklin, Chris established himself as an effective and involved leader, getting to know students on a personal level and promoting a welcoming, safe, and positive climate for learning that reflects the racial and ethnic diversity of the Franklin community. During his time as Principal of Franklin, Chris increased the graduation rate from 85% to 88%, including 100% of Black students in 2022.

Chris's dedication to equitable education was never confined to the Franklin halls. He continued his work on behalf of all district students by contributing to PPS's Racial Equity Center Pipeline Initiative (RECPI), serving as a member of the PPS ReImagined Guiding Coalition, and building relationships with in-building and district partners, including Schools Uniting Neighborhoods (SUN), Open School/Step Up, Multnomah County Health Clinic, Head Start, Teen Parent Program, I Am Academy, and Youth Empowerment Project, among many others.

Prior to coming to Franklin, Chris spent nine years at De La Salle North Catholic High School, working as an business economics teacher, academic counselor, and Dean of Students, before eventually being promoted to Vice Principal of Academics and Enrollment. His experience also includes nine years as Grant High School's assistant varsity football coach.

Chris earned his Bachelor of Science in business economics with a minor in sociology from Willamette University, his Master of Arts in Teaching from Concordia University, and his administrative licensure from Portland State University.

Please join me in congratulating Chris Frazier on his new role in the PPS community.

Sincerely,

Dr. Jon Franco, Chief of Schools



Chris Frazier

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