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Announcing new principal at Forest Park, Cindi Swingen

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Dear Forest Park Community,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Cindi Swingen, a veteran educator with more than three decades of experience as an administrator and teacher, will be the new principal at Forest Park Elementary School starting in the 2020-21 school year.

Cindi will succeed Lisa Newlyn, who is completing her sixth year as Forest Park principal. We thank Lisa for her hard work and dedication and wish her all the best in her new position as principal at Robert Gray Middle School.

Cindi brings a wide range of educational experience to Forest Park. She has served as an assistant principal at Portland Public Schools elementary and K-8 schools since 2015. For the last two years, she has been at Woodstock Elementary, a Mandarin immersion school. She oversaw the Response to Intervention Program and supported student discipline within the PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) and Restorative Justice frameworks.

At Sabin K-8, Cindi supported grade level teams in PYP and MYP curriculum, working with other PPS International Baccalaureate schools. At Abernethy Elementary, she oversaw the school's Special Education and Professional Learning Community teams. At Woodlawn PK-8, Cindi helped lead the Title I school in managing behavior while leading professional development.

Cindi started her career as a first-grade teacher in Aurora, Colorado, before returning to her home state of Oregon in 1991. She served as a teacher at elementary grade levels in the Beaverton, Lake Oswego and West Linn/Wilsonville school districts. She also served as an instructor and clinical coordinator at the Lewis & Clark Graduate School of Education and Counseling from 2009 to 2014.

Cindi earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Oregon State University; a Master of Arts in Teaching from Lewis & Clark College; and a Doctorate of Education in Leadership from Lewis & Clark.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Swingen to Forest Park.

Shawn Bird, Ed.D.
Chief of Schools



Cindi Swingen

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