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Announcing new principal at Lewis, Deanne Froehlich

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I am pleased to announce that Deanne Froehlich, a veteran educator in Portland Public Schools, will become the new principal at Lewis Elementary School. Deanne has three decades of accomplishments in PPS, with a history of community building that will be a great fit at Lewis.

Deanne will succeed Emily Glasgow, who has been Lewis principal for the last two years. We thank Emily for her service.

For the last 10 years, Deanne has been principal of both Hayhurst Elementary School and the Odyssey Program. She took the position when they shared a campus and nurtured an environment that was collaborative between the student and staff populations. She then kept both running efficiently as they were separated into two campuses in 2017, with Odyssey moving into the old East Sylvan campus.

Throughout the campus shifts, Deanne kept both schools thriving, leading staff and parent discussions on diversity, implementing a school-wide PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) program, writing and receiving a grant for an after-school program, starting a weekly backpack program and using focus option strategies to meet Odyssey's academic lens of history.

Deanne's efforts in running the dual schools were recognized by the Portland Council PTA, which awarded her the Principal of the Year Award for 2016-17.

Before taking on the Hayhurst/Odyssey assignment, Deanne was principal at Scott K-5/K-8 for nine years, where among her innovations was holding PTA meetings in Spanish, Somali and Vietnamese to serve the school's diverse community. She has also served in administrative roles at Kenton, Mt. Tabor and Binnsmead, moving into administration after a decade as a teacher of grades 2-5 at Laurelhurst Elementary School.

Deanne is a graduate of the University of Oregon, with a Bachelor of Arts in Elementary Education and a Master's in Education and Early Childhood. She is a PPS lifer who was inspired early in life to make a career in education by Ivan Ickes, who was her principal when she was a student at Bridlemile Elementary School.

Please join me in welcoming Principal Froehlich to Lewis Elementary.

Keeley Simpson
Area Assistant Superintendent



Deanne Froehlich

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